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North Korea outlines plan to launch missiles toward Guam

By ERIC TALMADGE
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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea on Thursday announced a detailed plan to launch a volley of ballistic missiles toward the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam, a major military hub and home to U.S. bombers, and dismissed President Donald Trump's threats of "fire and fury" if it doesn't back down.

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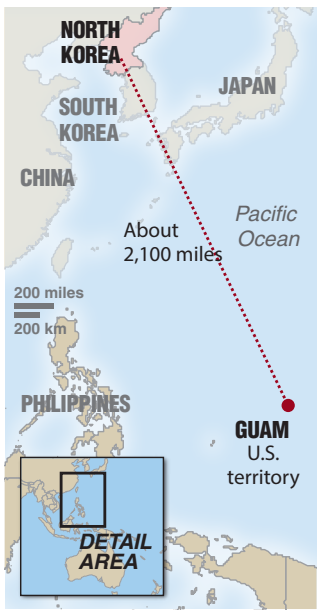

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Escalating threats

North Korea's military claimed Wednesday it was examining plans for attacking Guam. In an exchange of threats, President Donald Trump warned Pyongyang of "fire and fury like the world has never seen"

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Torres has faith in Trump

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REPORTER

Whatever happens with the North Korea situation, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has "full faith and trust" in U.S. President Donald J. Trump.

"Being on the frontline of the threat from North Korea, along with our brothers and sisters in Guam, I place my full faith and trust in our President to make the

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Kilili: HR 339 is 'short-term solution'

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, who authored H.R. 339 that recently passed the U.S. Senate, fended off criticisms to the current version of his bill, pointing out that it was envisioned as a "short-term solution" to a problem that must first be addressed before looking at a longer-term solution to the CNMI's labor problems.

Sablan

In an email to *Saipan Tribune*, Sablan pointed out that the bill does

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Corrections Commissioner Vincent S. Attao and trainers join 14 new Corrections officers and a police officer in a group photo during the graduation of the 7th Corrections Academy yesterday at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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The 7th Corrections Academy class valedictorian Rachel Juana Rebuenog poses with her parents, Corrections captain David Deleon Guerrero and Corrections lieutenant Francisca Rebuenog. The girl is one of Rachel Rebuenog's two daughters.

14 new officers join Corrections

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REPORTER

Fourteen cadets graduated yesterday from the 7th Cycle Corrections Academy, a welcome addition to the short-staffed Department of Corrections.

Rachel Juana Rebuenog, daughter of two Corrections officials, was named class valedictorian. She is the first female valedictorian of the Corrections Academy in the CNMI.

Colin Luzama Kileleman is the class salutatorian.

A lone police cadet, Daniel J. Narro, also graduated from the same academy. He grabbed the Leadership and Physically Fit awards.

In an interview, Rebuenog, 22, who said she has been gunning for the top award since the beginning, feels very blessed and happy about

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» Rachel Rebuenog is class valedictorian

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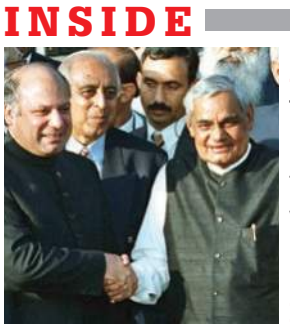

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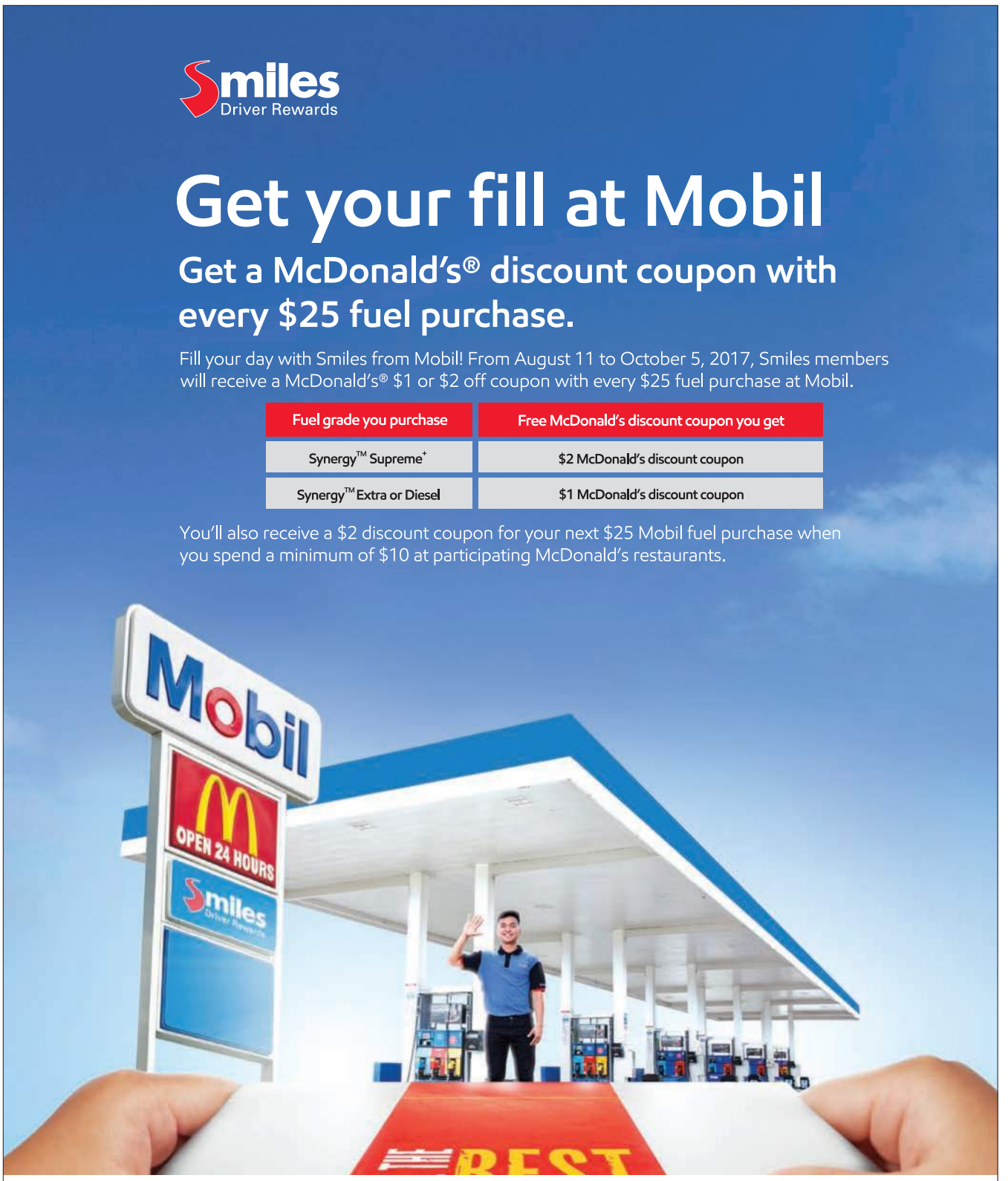

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Local

Ex-postal worker pleads guilty to theft of mail

A former U.S. Postal Service officer who is accused of stealing a package from the Chalan Kanoa Post Office pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday.

At a change of plea hearing, Mark Tyquiengco pleaded guilty to theft of mail.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy recommended that Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona accept Tyquiengco's guilty plea.

As before, the defendant shall remain free while awaiting his sentencing.

Charity Hodson appeared in place of Roberto T. Torres as counsel for Tyquiengco. Assistant attorney general James Benedetto represented the U.S. government.

The defendant signed a plea deal with the U.S. government. The indictment had charged him with mail theft and theft of mail by postal service employee.

The trial was supposed to commence on Tuesday, Aug. 15 but that has already been supplanted by Tyquiengco's plea deal.

According to the indictment, Tyquiengco, then a U.S. Postal Service officer, stole a package from a person at a postal service box last March 6. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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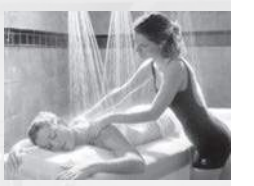

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Bogdan is new Superior Court judge

The Senate approved yesterday the appointment of Wesley Bogdan as associate judge of the CNMI Superior Court.

That makes him the fifth judge in the Superior Court's roster.

His appointment was approved on a 7-0 vote. Sens. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan) were both off-island during yesterday's session.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres earlier referred to Bogdan's appointment as "bittersweet" since he is losing a staff member. Bogdan is Torres' former legal counsel.

"Wesley has been a trusted member of my staff, consulting me on critical issues facing our Commonwealth. His understanding of the law is exceptional, but more so, I firmly believe his work ethic, judicial temperament, and legal experiences will make him a great judge—as will his love for the Northern Mariana Islands," said Torres.

Bogdan takes over the position that used to be occupied by former judge David A. Wiseman, who retired in May 2016. Torres appointed Bogdan a year later.

Bogdan said he looks forward to the "hard work" that being an associate judge brings.

"It's a really great honor to be confirmed. I really appreciate the Senate's consideration," said Bogdan.

"I believe my experience as a lawyer and as a resident of the CNMI for the last 20 years has prepared me [for the position]. I hope to do a really good job for…the people of the CNMI," he added.

All that is left is for Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro to swear in Bogdan. The date of the swearing in has yet to be specified. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

Fee waivers for NMC info session participants

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's upcoming information session will qualify to have their application fee and their placement test fees waived for NMC's fall 2017 semester, a savings of about $75.

The information session, which is open to all, will be held on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2017, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in Room D-1 at the college's As Terlaje campus.

NMC faculty, staff, and students from the different degree programs at NMC, as well as Student Services representatives from counseling, financial aid, and admissions will be on hand to answer questions.

NMC's Office of Admission and Records will be present that evening to accept and register students who are interested in registering for the fall 2017 semester.

For more information about the information session and/or applying to NMC, contact the Office of Admissions & Records at 237-6770, email oar@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

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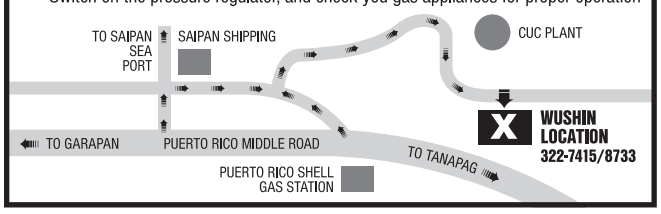

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Abstracts for 3rd Marianas History conference online

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council announced yesterday the availability of abstracts and presenter bios for the 3rd Marianas History Conference, which will be held at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan on Sept. 1-2, 2017.

The conference will feature keynote addresses by Dr. Laura Torres Souder, Julian Aguon, and Dr. Carlos Madrid and presentations by 32 local, regional, and international scholars.

Their presentations will cover a wide variety of topics related to the conference's theme "Milestones in Marianas History."

In addition to presenters, the conference will include a movie night during which locally-produced films will be screened and there will be a guided tour of Saipan's historic and cultural sites.

This history conference is free of charge and open to the public. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Conference hours will run from 9am to 5pm on both days.

Abstracts and bios may be viewed on the Humanities Council's website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org.

This bi-annual event is being supported by several prominent businesses and organizations including the Bank of Guam, IT&E, DFS, Guam Preservation Trust, J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, Northern Marianas College, *Marianas Variety,* Docomo Pacific, Triple J, Marianas Visitors Authority, Lollipops, Guampedia, Moylan's Insurance, and Saipan Shipping.

For more information, contact Humanities Council staff at 235-4785. ***(PR)***

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NORTH

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The announcement, made in the name of a general who heads North Korea's rocket command, warned the North is preparing a plan to fire four of its Hwasong-12 missiles over Japan and into waters around the tiny island, which hosts 7,000 U.S. military personnel on two main bases and has a population of 160,000.

It said the plan could be finalized within a week or so and would then go to leader Kim Jong Un for approval. It would be up to Kim whether the move is actually carried out. It said the missiles would hit waters 30 to 40 kilometers (19 to 25 miles) away from the island.

It is unclear whether North Korea would risk firing missiles so close to U.S. territory, which could provoke countermeasures and further escalation.

North Korea frequently uses extremely bellicose rhetoric with warnings of military action to keep its adversaries on their heels. It generally couches its threats with language stating it will not attack the United States unless it has been attacked first or has determined an attack is imminent.

But the statement raised worries amid a barrage of threats from both sides.

Following reports that U.S. intelligence suggests the North might be able to pair a nuclear warhead with a missile capable of reaching targets on the United States mainland, Trump warned North Korea that "it faces retaliation with fire and fury unlike any the world has seen before."

Pyongyang, meanwhile, has been louder in its complaints against a new and tough round of sanctions imposed on it by the United Nations, with strong U.S. backing, and Washington's use of Guam as a staging ground for its stealth bombers, which could be used to attack North Korea and are a particularly sore point with the rulers in Pyongyang.

Even so, its reported plan to launch missiles toward Guam is extremely unusual.

The report said the Hwasong-12 rockets would fly over Shimane, Hiroshima and Koichi prefectures in Japan and travel "1,065 seconds before hitting the waters 30 to 40 kilometers away from Guam."

It said the Korean People's Army Strategic Force will finalize the plan by mid-August, present it to Kim Jong Un and "wait for his order."

"We keep closely watching the speech and behavior of the U.S.," it said.

Such a move would not merely be a test launch, but a demonstration of military capabilities in a manner than could easily lead to severe consequences.

If North Korea were to actually carry out such a launch—even if it aimed at hitting the waters off the island and not the island itself—that would clearly pose a potential threat to U.S. territory and put the United States in a much more complicated situation than it has been during previous missile launches.

Guam lies about 2,100 miles (3,400 kilometers) from the Korean Peninsula, and it's extremely unlikely Kim's government would risk annihilation with a pre-emptive attack on U.S. citizens. It's also unclear how reliable North Korea's missiles would be against such a distant target, but no one was writing off the danger completely.

Washington has been testing its missile defenses in response to the North's stepped-up development and the current escalation of tensions could lead to pressure for the U.S. military to try to shoot down the North's missiles in midflight if they are heading toward Guam.

That would likely open up a set of very major problems, including the possibility of both a very high-profile failure or a miscalculation of Washington's intentions and a more deadly pre-emptive strike by the North - which has missiles able to hit Tokyo and conventional weapons that could devastate South Korea's capital of Seoul.

The Hweasong-12, which was revealed for the first time at a military parade in April, is an intermediate-range ballistic missile that is believed to have a range of more than 3,700 kilometers (2,300 miles). It can be fired from mobile launchers, making it hard to detect and destroy on the ground.

By launching a volley of four, the North would be attempting to make it harder for the U.S. to intercept all of the incoming missiles.

Washington, meanwhile, has been giving out mixed signals of what its intensions might be.

While Trump was threatening annihilation and boasting from the New Jersey golf resort where he's vacationing that he has made the U.S. nuclear arsenal "far stronger and more powerful than ever before," Secretary of State Rex Tillerson sought to calm the sense of crisis.

Speaking earlier Wednesday on his way home from Asia, he insisted the U.S. isn't signaling a move toward military action.

"Americans should sleep well at night," Tillerson told reporters. "Nothing that I have seen and nothing that I know of would indicate that the situation has dramatically changed in the last 24 hours."

But then Defense Secretary Jim Mattis ratcheted the rhetoric back up, calling on Pyongyang to "cease any consideration of actions that would lead to the end of its regime and the destruction of its people." As seldom as it is for a president to speak of using nuclear missiles, the reference to the "destruction" of a foreign people is equally rare.

North Korea immediately called Trump's rhetoric a "load of nonsense" that was aggravating a grave situation.

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not entirely remove construction workers from the CW-1 permitting. According to his email, employers may utilize H-2B visas – which are uncapped for both the CNMI and Guam as compared to the rest of the United States—to secure the needed labor in construction.

"… HR 339 does not entirely remove construction workers from CW permitting. Construction workers permitted under the CW program prior to Oct. 1, 2015, will continue to be eligible for CW permits," he said, adding that an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 construction workers are "covered by this timeline."

Sablan added that the 350 extra permits for 2017 "can take care of everyone who is expiring," he said, adding that there are 306 CW permits that are expiring in August and September.

The email did not specify the occupations of the expiring CW permits.

"H.R. 339 is a short-term solution to fix the problem created when thousands of temporary Chinese construction workers used up one-third of all the available CW permits, hurting many local businesses and even the hospital," said Sablan, adding that although he was not able to address the needs of everyone, barring the construction workers from using CW permits "make it less likely that this problem will occur again."

"Once we have taken care of the short-term problem created by the surge of Chinese construction workers, we can turn to legislation with a longer-term solution to the need for labor to keep our economy growing," he said.

The U.S. Senate passed H.R. 339 last week. It initially proposed to secure an additional 2,002 CW-1 slots. The bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives untouched but U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources chair Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) inserted an amendment lowering the number of slots that would be opened to just 350. The amendment passed the U.S. Senate; the bill is now pending in the U.S. House, which is in recess for the whole month of August and is scheduled to resume sessions on Sept. 5, 2017.

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appropriate decisions for the security and protection of our nation," reads a statement issued by the Office of the Governor yesterday.

The statement also clarified that besides just the inhabitants of the Marianas region, "all Americans…are at risk of any threat from North Korea and other foreign enemies."

Now is the time to "rally behind our commander-in-chief during this critical time in order to protect our nation and the proud citizens of our country living in the U.S. territories.

"I support our President and our U.S. military, and I am proud to fly the American flag in the Western Pacific," the statement added.

As reported by several news outlets, North Korea's state media claims to have a plan to launch missiles over Japan and into Guam waters by mid-August this year. According to the reports, the missiles would reportedly fly for 3,356.7 kilometers (2,086 miles) in 17 minutes and 45 seconds to reach Guam waters. Reports claim that up to four missiles would be launched toward Guam.

Guam Gov. Eddie B. Calvo stated yesterday that Guam is "prepared for any eventuality" but he also pointed out that the island has defense systems in place to fend off these types of attacks.

It appears the CNMI relies on this defense system.

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management special assistant Gerald Deleon Guerrero said as much yesterday, saying that Guam has the closest military assets here. He said Guam has very good military assets that can be launched at once if any attack happens.

He said they are coordinating with the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense and the U.S. Department of Defense.

"So far, the threat level hasn't escalated and there is nothing to panic about," he said.

If things do escalate, people should be prepared by stocking on food supplies, water, and canned goods, Deleon Guerrero said. "Because you never know. Preparedness is the best thing to do right now."

Gov. Ralph Torres has created the Nuclear Threat Working Group to respond to a nuclear threat. HSEM is the head of the group. ***(With Ferdie de la Torre)***

OFFICERS

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getting it.

"To have it is an honor," she said.

Rebuenog, who is a mother of two daughters, said she just wanted to see how far she could go that will make her family proud.

"And I did it. It's a very exciting, overwhelming feeling," said Rebuenog, who graduated from Marianas High School in 2013.

Rebuenog said they had the best instructors for the training that lasted two and a half months.

Her parents are Corrections lieutenant Francisca Rebuenog and Corrections captain David Deleon Guerrero.

David Deleon Guerrero, who belongs to the 1st Cycle Corrections Academy, said it's a blessing that her daughter is the class valedictorian. "She makes me proud."

Corrections Commissioner Vincent S. Attao cited the support of the Torres administration in getting the academy going.

With the 14 new Corrections officers, DOC now has 102 officers.

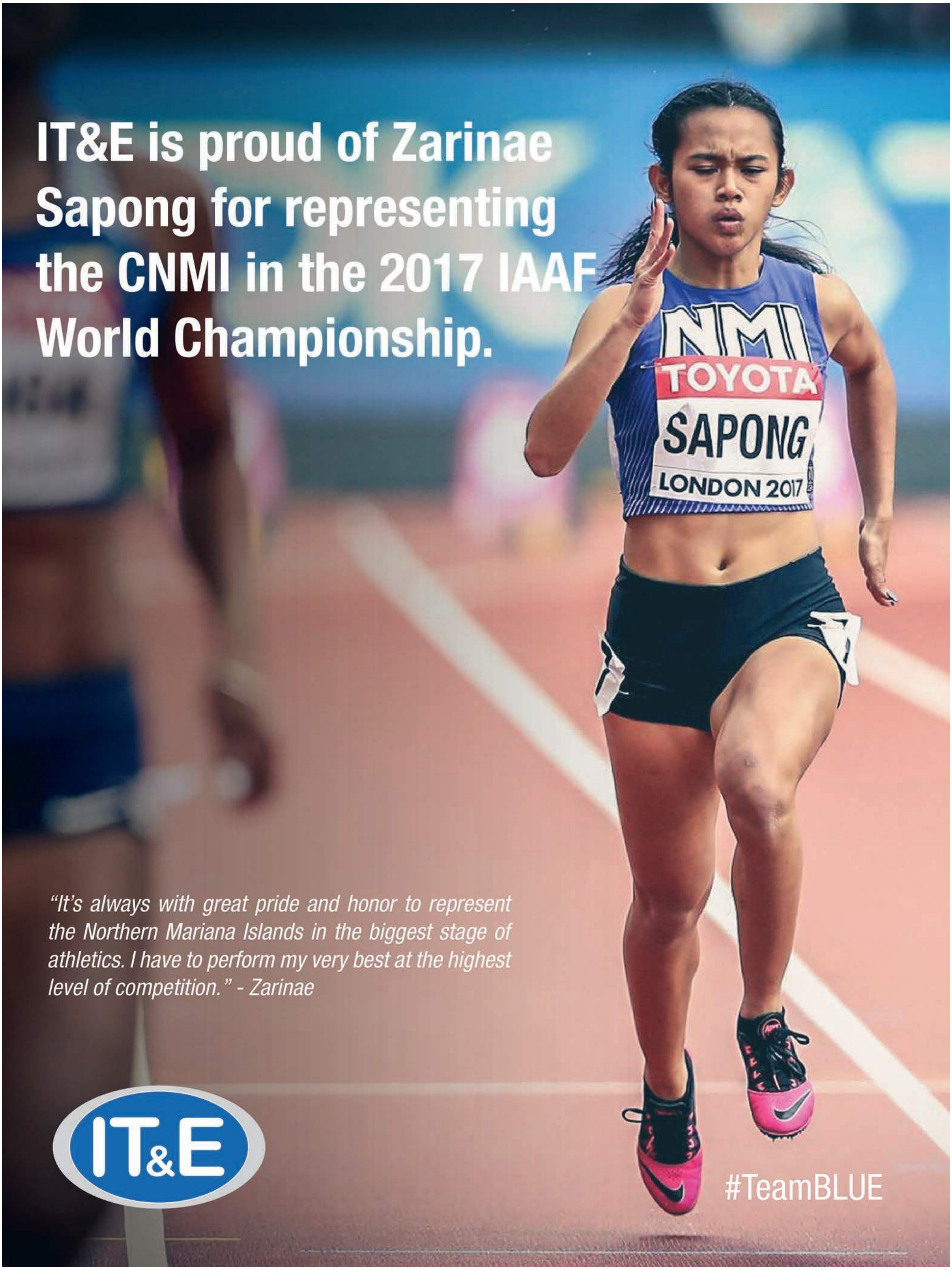
Attao disclosed that another Corrections Academy will kick off in about a month or two. The additional 18 cadets in the next academy is being eyed to augment the shortage of manpower at DOC.

Attao said the manpower shortage is now being addressed.

"With the recruitment again with the new cycle that we anticipated, it's [going to] put us in a better situation with respect to manpower," he said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres congratulated the new graduates in his brief remarks during the graduation ceremony held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall.

Aside from Rebuenog and Kileleman, the other new Corrections officers are Keith Quiming Lizama, Franklin Pangelinan Santos, Lynnae Camacho Cabrera, Tarius Kapwich, Jose Mendiola Lizama, Lorenzo Mettao Lifoifoi, Jack John Camacho Pua, Romeo Selepeo Herman Jr. Kelvin Kasian Simina, Sid Xavier Mikel Nepaial, Michael Ogo Manglona Jr., and Alvir Paras Masga.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South Korean students meet with Apatang

Over 30 South Korean students learned more about Saipan in a courtesy call at the Saipan Mayor's Office last Tuesday.

The visit by the 37 students and six teachers, facilitated by MBC Global Camp and Sasamo USA Corp., was part on an English immersion program.

The students, who visited historical areas all over the Commonwealth to gather more information about the island's history, talked with Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang to practice their English and ask him more about the island's history. They also presented him with a few handcrafted cards.

The students were amazed to discover that that the first mayor of Saipan was named during the German era, in the late 19th century.

The students also did a beach cleanup at the Kilili Beach in Oleai.

The students arrived on Saipan last July 26 and are set to leave on Aug. 21. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

KIMBERLY BAUTISTA
Korean students visited the Saipan Mayor's office last Tuesday and were awarded certifications of appreciation by Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang.

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SMO welcomes exchange students from China

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA
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REPORTER

The Saipan Mayor's Office welcomed its first group of exchange students from China last Wednesday.

A total of 11 high school exchange students visited the Saipan Mayor's Office under the auspices of Discovery Tours Saipan, which has been hosting exchange camps for about four years now.

According to Discover Saipan Tour general manager, Monique Kramer, the students want to get to know the island in a unique way through special programs and field trips. In line with this, the students visited many historical sites in order to fully understand the island's history.

This is the first year for the Saipan Mayor's Office to invite exchange students from China.

According to Mayor David M. Apatang, he is honored to finally have student from China visit his office.

The visit inspired Apatang to pursue plans to establish a Chinese student exchange program through the Saipan Mayor's Office.

Apatang said the exchange program could benefit both students from Saipan and from China.

The students were very curious about the island and its many developments. One of the students asked Apatang how the balance is kept between preserving the culture while further developing the Commonwealth.

According to Apatang, the developments are beneficial because it generates more revenue and more work opportunities for residents.

He feels the developments do not threaten the island's indigenous culture, as there are still other means of preserving the culture.

Afterwards, the students were briefed on the history of each former Saipan mayor and were escorted to the animal shelter for a visit.

Kramer also donated a check to the animal shelter, saying she will continue to promote the island to tourists, especially the younger ones.

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Agri Fair on Aug. 19

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA
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REPORTER

The Saipan and Northern Islands Agricultural Fair Association is busy getting ready for the Agricultural Fair that will be held on Aug 19, 2017, Saturday, at the Garapan Fishing Base.

The fair, an annual event to showcase the products of the island's numerous farmers, will be held from 6am to 2pm.

Its host, the Saipan and Northern Islands Agricultural Fair Association, consists of the Division of Agriculture (Kagman extension), the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, the local animal industry, and the Garapan Public Farmers Market.

The fair will showcase different competitions including livestock competition, ornamental flowers and specialty crop competition, a plant division competition, and a cooking competition.

The event is open to the public. Registration is still being accepted and applications can be picked up at the Division of Agriculture, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, and the Garapan Public Farmers Market.

In line with this event, the parking area at the Garapan Fishing Base will be temporarily closed in preparation for the fair, according to a public notice issued yesterday by Division of Fish and Wildlife director Manny M. Pangelinan.

The parking area to the immediate west of the Garapan Fishing Base will be closed starting on Aug. 16 until Aug. 19, 2017, but the Garapan Fishing Base boat ramp will remain open for boating access.

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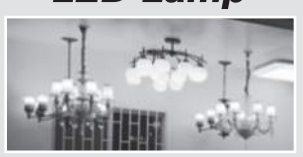

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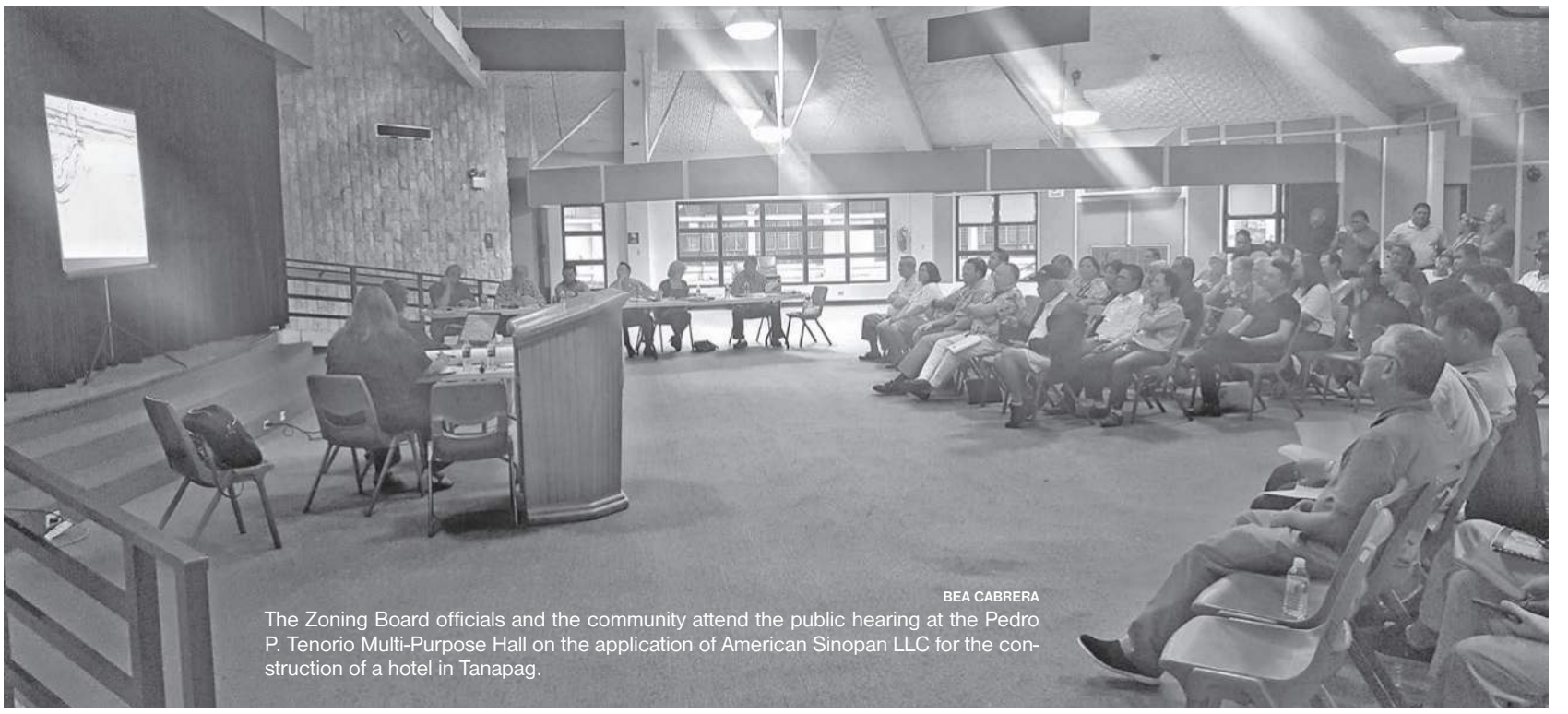

BEA CABRERA
The Zoning Board officials and the community attend the public hearing at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Hall on the application of American Sinopan LLC for the construction of a hotel in Tanapag.

By BEA CABRERA
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REPORTER

The CNMI Zoning board has granted a conditional permit to American Sinopan LLC so it could begin building its proposed $144.3-million hotel in Tanapag.

The permit comes with several conditions to ensure that the project complies with the rural and adjacent residential zones of the area.

The board held a public hearing on Sinopan's application last Aug. 9, 2017, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Hall.

Zoning Administrator Therese T. Ogumorro said, "If the Zoning board finds that the use of American Sinopan is compatible [with the area], then Zoning staff will recommend the approval of this application after applicant fulfills the Zoning Office's conditions."

The Zoning board is composed of board chair Diego Blanco, vice chair Bruce Bateman, treasurer Mariano Taitano, secretary Joe Ayuyu Jr., and member Joel Camacho.

"We feel that the hard work starts now," said American Sinopan LLC chief executive officer Ken Lin. "Getting approval from the board is a good start to complete all other agency requirements. All the conditions the Zoning Office asked are doable because those are the basic things to follow and submit."

"As for the rest of the conditions, we're talking about the design. The reason why the design is not yet finalized is we need to have the hotel brand. We do have our own thoughts but we are in continuous talks with international brands and we want them to give us an input," he added.

America Sinopan is in talks with hotel brands such as Hilton, Marriot, and Starwood and business hotel/service apartment brands such as Embassy Suite, Home2, Ascott, and Somerset.

"Saipan needs an international brand. Having an international hotel brand on island it is a good statement for the CNMI. It's good for people and boosts tourism," Lin said.

American Sinopan selected the Tanapag area to build a garden resort-themed hotel to make it distinct from other hotels on island that are mostly situated by the beach.

"Tanapag is the gateway to the north of Saipan, accessible because it is just a short distance from Garapan, it has lush greenery perfect for the garden hotel concept, and the warm hospitality of the people in the community," Lin said.

"We plan not only to build a hotel in the area but to help the community by creating jobs and giving them livelihood. We promise community development for the people of Tanapag," he said.

According to the company's application, the resort would include a main lobby and administrative building, two restaurants, two hotel dining buildings, two apartment buildings with one clubhouse facility, two staff housing with one cafeteria, three swimming pools, parking, landscaping, site lighting, and water, sewer and power infrastructure.

The entire development cost of the Saipan Garden Resort is $164 million and the total investment of American Sinopan LLC to date is $6.45 million.

"We start construction in the latter part of the first quarter next year and we are looking at two years to build the hotel. When everything is in place, we are projecting that operations will generate $14 million worth of hotel tax and $6 million worth of food and beverage tax, which amounts to $20 million that will go to the CNMI yearly," Lin said.

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Temporary water schedule in Garapan

Garapan is currently on a temporary water schedule due to the malfunction of two water wells, causing low water production.

The temporary water schedule hours are as follows:

■ Garapan Hotel Street to YCO True Value Hardware: 6am to 10am

■ Garapan Middle Road to the Gualo Rai intersection: 10am to 2pm

Water operations personnel are currently making the necessary repairs to bring water services back to its normal 24-hour schedule. Updates will follow as soon as they are available.

Meanwhile, residents of Koblerville, San Antonio, and Afetnas experienced an emergency water service interruption yesterday due to the failure of a 30-horsepower booster pump that was discovered by Commonwealth Utilities Corp. water personnel yesterday morning. Repair was expected to be completed by 8:30pm last night and water services in the affected areas should have been restored soon after.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

One Marianas: Movie and music night on Aug. 12

By BEA CABRERA
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REPORTER

A movie and music night sponsored by DOCOMO Pacific and United Airlines will be held this Saturday, Aug. 12, from 4pm to 10pm at the Francisco C. Palacios Baseball Field. It is open to the public.

"The concert is all about giving thanks to all the people for all their support, that, after a long journey, the landing of ATISA is finally complete and the services that DOCOMO promised is now available," said DOCOMO Pacific public relations coordinator Ken Quintanilla said,

Last July 3, DOCOMO relaunched its Gualo Rai branch with modern facilities to cater to all customers needs and, most importantly, their inaugurated the 4G LTE coverage on Saipan.

"The movie and music night is also a celebration of all DOCOMO services that have been launched on island. DOCOMO has the widest 4G service, the Tivo experience will bring high definition television, along with what the world's television experience is, one that combines cable TV channels with all the best internet services like Netflix, Hulu, YouTube in one experience," Quintanilla said

The Dolls from Guam will be performing their upbeat music about empowerment and will debut their original Chamorro song. Local artists Goddhy and Demalyn Pagarao will also perform at the concert.

"For the movie part, we will be showing *Beauty and the Beast* and people can expect free food, drinks and giveaways," Quintanilla said.

Aside from Saipan, One Marianas will be going to Tinian on Aug. 19 and Rota on Aug. 26.

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MHS Class of '87 reunion set

The MHS Class of '87 will have a 30th year reunion on Sept. 23, 2017, with a Mass of Thanksgiving at San Antonio Church at 4pm and a Happy Hour/banquet at the Surf Club, Laly 4 starting at 5pm. For more information, leave a comment on our Facebook page, "CNMI Class of 87" or you may send email at cnmiclassof87@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Garapan Fishing Base parking lot closed

The Garapan Fishing Base parking lot to the immediate west of the Thursday Night Market will be closed from Aug. 16 to Aug. 19. The Division of Agriculture will be using this area to prepare for the upcoming Agriculture Fair on Aug. 19, 2017. The Garapan Fishing Base boat ramp will still be open for boating access. ***(PR)***

Free cat adoption month

Saipan's animal welfare group, Saipan Cares for Animals, is hosting a free cat adoption month until the end of August. All cat and kitten adoptions are free until the end of the month on Aug. 31. Call Beth at 285-5448 or visit www.SaipanCaresforAnimals.com to find out more. You can also visit Saipan Cares for Animals on Facebook for directions on how to get there! ***(CSA)***

NMTI to host outreach events

The Northern Marianas Technical Institute, in collaboration with governor's Youth Services, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs-Division of Youth Services, and precinct representatives, is hosting outreach events designed to help students learn a new trade and earn a job. Staff will be available to explain their programs and help fill out forms. The events will take place at:

- Aug. 14, Monday, 5pm - 7pm, San Antonio Youth Center (next to San Antonio Church)
- Aug. 15, Tuesday, 5pm - 7pm, Kagman Community Center (between LaoLao golf and fire station)
- Aug. 16, Wednesday, 5pm - 7pm, Koblerville Youth Center (next to Koblerville fire station)
- Aug. 17, Thursday, 5pm - 7pm, Chalan Kanoa Youth Center/Koban (close to Mt. Carmel cemetery)
- Aug. 18, Friday, 5pm - 7pm, Garapan Community Center (next to the Garapan basketball court)

For more information, call Mae Guerrero at 235-6684. ***(PR)***

Notice to all Kagman farm plot permittees

This is to inform all permittees that Department of Land and Natural Resource agents will be conducting scheduled visits as well as permitting inspections to all Kagman farm plots to determine whether permittees are in compliance with the rules and policies set forth in the Governing Uses of the Kagman Commercial Farm Plot permit.

In order to address issues with violations, DLNR has already begun issuing eviction notices to any permittee engaging in the subleasing or transferring of farm plot(s) to a corporation or partner. This includes the use of the plots to cultivate forbidden substances.

Call the DLNR-Division of Agriculture if there are any questions or concerns to this notice at 256-3318/19 or 322-9834. ***(PR)***

Saturday Story Time in August at AMP

Youth of all ages are invited to join the American Memorial Park on Saturdays (Aug. 12, 19, and 26) from 2pm to 3pm for story time. During the hour, read *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr. This book tells the story of a young girl from Hiroshima, Japan who becomes sick with

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ChaCha Oceanview orientation

ChaCha Oceanview Middle School will be having a student orientation:

- 6th grade: Aug. 14, 9am, school cafeteria
- 7th and 8th grade: Aug. 15, 9am, school cafeteria

Call the school at 237-3165 or 664-4100/03 if you have any question or concerns. ***(PR)***

GTC Elementary sets orientation, Open House

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School is inviting GTC families to attend the upcoming orientation/Open House on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017, at 5pm in the school cafeteria. We will discuss important information for SY2017-2018, meet teachers and staff, as well as clarify any questions you may have. Teachers will also be available in their classrooms to meet with students and parents/guardians to share expectations set for the new school year. ***(PR)***

KES orientations set

Kagman Elementary School will be having a parent/student orientation for school year 2017-2018 on the following dates:

- Aug. 14, at 9am for all Kindergarten to 2nd Grade students
- Aug. 15, at 9am for all 3rd to 5th Grade students

The first day of instruction will be on Aug. 16 at 7:40am. Breakfast will be served beginning at 7am. ***(PR)***

DMS orientations set

Dandan Middle School will hold an orientation on Monday, Aug. 14, 2017:

- 6th Grade orientation: 9:30 am, DMS cafeteria
- 7th grade orientation: 10:30am, DMS cafeteria
- 8th Grade orientation: 11:30am, DMS cafeteria ***(PR)***

SSHS star math tests

Saipan Southern High School will hold math tests on Aug. 14 and 15, from 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 3pm. ***(PR)***

TMS information out

Tanapag Middle School would like to announce that registration for school year 2017-2018 is due. All students, new and returning, must register every school year. First day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017. Orientation is on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2017, from 5pm to 6pm in our school campus. For any questions, call the office at 664-3425. ***(PR)***

Kagman Elementary orientations set

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COMMUNITY

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leukemia in the years after the atomic bomb was dropped on her city, and her race to fold 1,000 paper cranes. Following the reading, everyone will be invited to make paper cranes, just like Sadako did in the story. Throughout the month, 1,000 paper cranes will be folded and sent to the Children's Peace Memorial in Hiroshima Japan.

To learn more about this program or other happenings at the park, contact park ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 or 2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. ***(NPS)***

US Navy releases new input dates

The U.S. Navy will accept public comments about the Training and Testing Supplemental Environmental Impact statement for the Mariana Island Training and Testing area until Sept. 15, 2017. Comments must be postmarked or received online by Sept. 15, 2017, for consideration in the development of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Comments may be submitted online at www.MITT-EIS.com or mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makapala Drive, Suite 100 Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134. ***(PR)***

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Kagman Elementary School will be having a parent/student orientation for school year 2017-2018 on the following dates:

- Monday, Aug. 14, at 9am for all Kindergarten to 2nd Grade students
- Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 9am for all 3rd to 5th Grade students

In addition, the first day of instruction will be on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 7:40am. Breakfast will be served beginning at 7am.

NMC registration for fall semester ongoing

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Placement tests: Aug. 7 to Aug. 10; to schedule your placement test, call 237-6774 or email date/time preference to isabel.matsunaga@marianas.edu. Proceed to the Office of Admissions & Records (Building N) to obtain a placement test form. Make payment ($25 per test) at the NMC Cashier Window (Building N).

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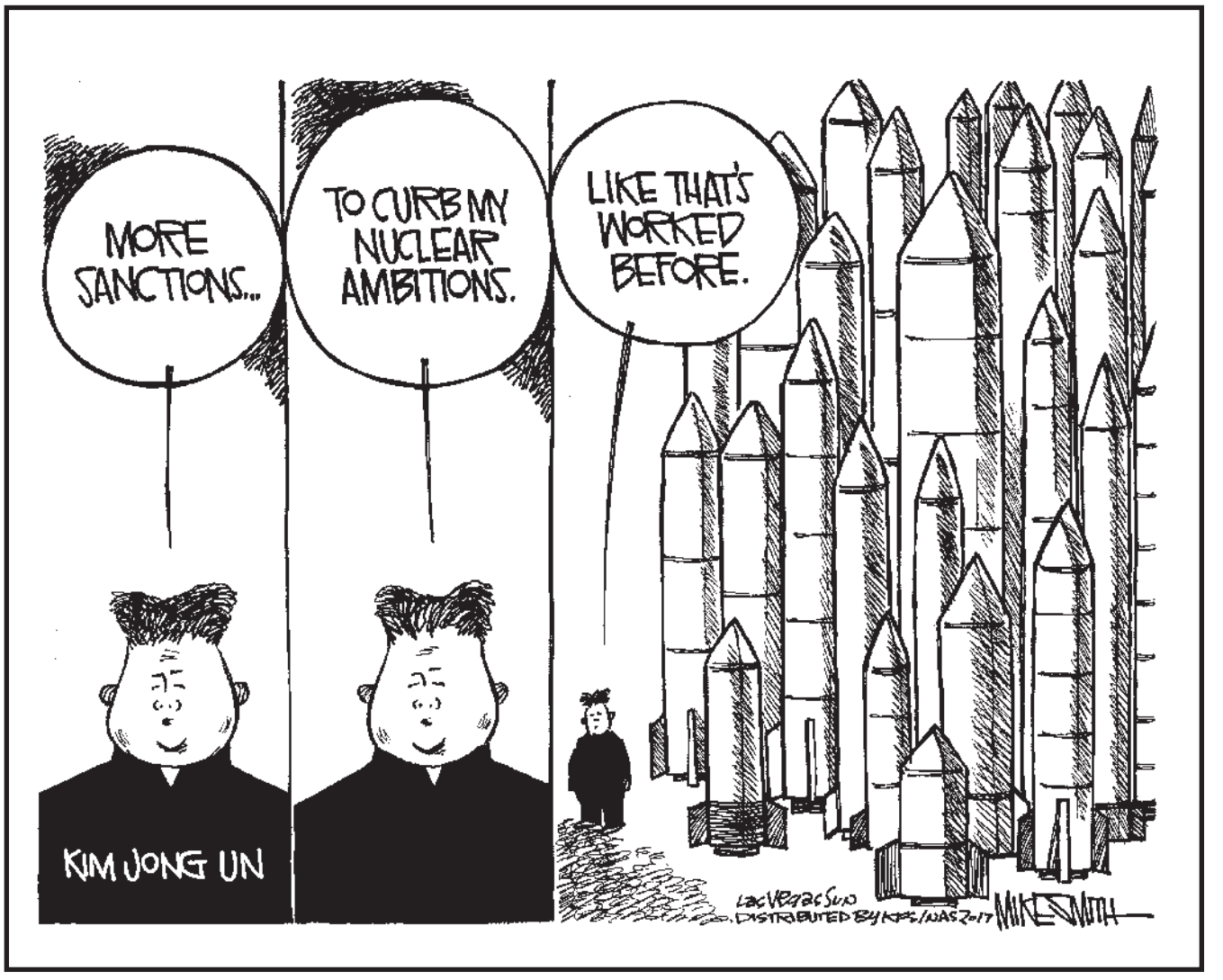

EDITORIAL

Trump sinks to Kim's level

It fell upon increasingly bedraggled Secretary of State Rex Tillerson Wednesday to explain why it's perfectly appropriate for a U.S. president to vow a response of "fire and fury like the world has never seen" in a kind of tit-for-tat, bluster-for-bluster war of outlandish rhetoric with North Korea's Kim Jong Un. America's top diplomat called it a "strong" message that the dictator "would understand because he doesn't seem to understand diplomatic language." Tillerson further concluded that Americans can "sleep well at night" and that Donald Trump's belligerent remarks on Tuesday hadn't really changed the threat level.

Despite Tillerson's game effort to normalize entirely abnormal behavior, let's set the record straight: U.S. presidents don't engage in such bursts of madness. They don't stoop to Kim's level. And they especially don't threaten some kind of pre-emptive nuclear strike—and let's face it, that's essentially the only plausible interpretation of the "fire and fury" remark—with a dictator who is widely regarded as isolated, unpredictable and possibly unstable. Wars have been started over lesser examples of verbal sparring, and the stakes in the region are frighteningly high.

President Trump goes off half-cocked all the time. Give him a cellphone, and he'll make the Twitter-verse go wild. We get that. But it's one thing to go a little nuts on a U.S. senator's sometimes overstated military service record; it's quite another to threaten with annihilation someone who is sitting on a nuclear stockpile. Even scarier, Trump is saying he is willing to engage in all-out war not over any action by the North Korean leader but merely his words.

How are world leaders supposed to react to such behavior? How about people living within missile striking distance? How about specifically in the U.S. territory of Guam? The North Korean dictator's entirely predictable response to President Trump's verbal escalation was to further up the stakes, identifying Guam and its U.S. military bases as a prime candidate for its own first-strike. So perhaps Tillerson might explain again how that fire and fury business makes America safer and then go try peddling that to his fellow Americans in Guam.

This was a week when progress was actually made in bringing economic pressure to bear on North Korea through international cooperation. The $1 billion sanctions approved by the United Nations Security Council over the weekend might not deter North Korea from further developing its nuclear missile capability, but it's far more effective than saber-rattling. The American public doesn't want war with North Korea. Neither do our allies. So why not be fully invested in a credible strategy that might actually work to prevent it? Tillerson and Nikki Haley, the nation's UN ambassador, seem to be on board. Where exactly does Trump stand on North Korea? It's hard to tell because he's been all over the place.

There was the Donald Trump of last year's campaign who would be "honored" to meet with President Kim and share hamburgers with him. There's the one who was counting on China to take control of the situation. And now there's the president who supports the sanctions (even

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Rewinding the world to the days of duck and cover

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It's been more than a half century since America's grade school children learned how to properly fear the nuclear bomb—and protect themselves from it—back in the dark daze of the Cold War.

Children of the era learned their self-protection lesson well from the cartoon star of "Duck and Cover," Bert the Turtle. "Bert is a very, very careful fellow," the announcer says, as Bert suddenly vanishes inside his shell. All you can see are his eyes peering out.

"When there's danger, this is the way he keeps from being hurt," the announcer explains. "Sometimes it even saves his life. ... We all know the atomic bomb is very dangerous. Since it may be used against us, we must get ready for it, just as we must get ready for the many other dangers that are around us all the time."

Next, we see real, live children who are just like us. When a warning siren sounds—or when there is just a terrifying light flash—the kids know how to duck under their desks and cover the back of their necks with clasped hands, fully aware window glass will be flying when an atomic bomb explodes.

This 1951 movie, a federal Civil Defense Administration production, was created in a studio in New York City's Astoria, Queens—just a few miles from where young Donald Trump was in kindergarten. Local New York kids all saw the movie's searing, unforgettable lesson; eventually, most kids coast-to-coast saw it too.

On Tuesday, one of those kids, now 71, sat in Bedminster, N.J., in the comfort of one of his golf course clubhouses and, repeatedly glancing down at words on a paper, sounded a warning heard 'round the world:

"North Korea best not make any more threats to the United States. They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen." Glancing down again, he repeated his flammable soundbite to assure the message was received by North Korea's irrational leader, Kim Jong Un, whose regime is reportedly capable of making missile-ready miniaturized nuclear weapons. "And as I said, they will be met with fire, fury, and, frankly, power, the likes of which this world has never seen before."

In the hours that followed, many in the news media began comparing Trump's "fire and fury" threat with what President Harry Truman said in 1945 after Japan refused to surrender after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Truman warned the Japanese that if they didn't surrender, "they may expect a rain of ruin from the air, the like of which has never been seen on this earth."

But the comparison doesn't work—because Truman was warning the enemy that had attacked America, started the war and been defeated. Also: Defense Secretary James "Mad Dog" Mattis, a retired four-star Marine general, has long warned that America cannot launch a pre-emptive military attack capable of preventing North Korea from inflicting horrendous slaughter in South Korea.

As bad as all that was, it got predictably worse: North Korea's leader vowed to attack Guam, where U.S. military is based.

And then came this: Trump officials acknowledged Wednesday that the president had issued his ultimatum without clearing his incendiary words with his team of generals. Trump just dredged up his "fire and fury" words from some very dark place deep inside. For years, Trump has openly (see also: cluelessly) wondered why America bothers to have nuclear weapons if it isn't willing to use them.

The result is that Trump recklessly forced an already horrendous confrontation to a potentially even more calamitous level,

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Editor's Note: John S. DelRosario's column, which usually moves every Friday, won't move today. DelRosario plans to resume his columns in September 2017.

Found in translation

By ED STEPHENS JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Visit Ed Stephens Jr. at EdStephensJr.com. His column runs every Friday.

If there's one thing that's constant in the Commonwealth, it's the need to translate marketing and business material from one language into another. My work has often entailed creating materials in English, then getting the materials translated into Japanese, Korean, or Mandarin, and then trying, somehow, to assess the merits of the translation.

This is one realm where conventional wisdom and street-level reality don't often mesh.

The textbook approach is to have one translator put the material into the target language as a first step. The next step is to have another translator translate the material from the target language back into the original language. The original material and the back-translation are then compared to each other for consistency. After edits are made the cycle begins anew.

There's an elegant symmetry to the approach, right?

Well, maybe, but I haven't seen it really work out that way. The few times I tried this method we still wound up spending a lot of time puzzling out various linguistic nuances. Having two chefs in the linguistic kitchen didn't really improve the dish.

Furthermore, how many companies on Saipan have access to two fully-qualified translators? For that matter, how many even have access to one?

This leads to something that's invisible in theory but that's a big deal in reality: Many operations, especially in a small economy like Saipan's, use an informal network to get translations done. Colleagues or friends are more likely to be used than full-bore professionals.

In these situations the coin of the realm is often goodwill and favors instead of cold hard cash.

Consequently, you're not always going to be met with efficient professional detachment when you want to drag someone through 20 iterations of a translating project. This is doubly true when you're questioning their interpretation of a certain word or phrase. You can burn through a lot of goodwill very quickly in these situations.

Let's never forget that language style is subjective, and, as such, it provokes strong reactions in people, even if they're cool-headed enough not to show it. Nobody who has any skill in a language can remain indifferent to its usage.

As a result, many translations are finally cast in stone not because they're perfect, but because the manager of the project is approaching the limits of cooperation. A good manager can sense these things and not push too hard.

So, from what I've seen, we rarely finish a translation project. We merely abandon it. The trick is to structure things so that the point of abandonment falls within the region of acceptable quality.

Moving from the management of the task to the actual wordcraft, some of my early lessons came about 25 years ago when my colleagues and I sought to penetrate the Japanese tourism market.

I saw that pushing words over a linguistic barrier was an exercise in being succinct and focused. While we might enjoy waxing stylistic in our native tongue, it's more effective to think in terms of a few bullet points if the material is going to run the gauntlet in a foreign language. Admittedly, this might not be the case if you have an unlimited budget, a deep pool of talent, and a distant deadline. However, I don't know many people on Saipan, or, for that matter, anywhere, who have these luxuries.

Bullet points don't necessarily have to be laid out as such. The big idea is to cull things down so that 20 percent of the potential wording will convey 80 percent of the juice. This takes more than clear writing. It demands a clear sense of priorities and the ability to stifle the urge to sound clever.

Overall, then, instead of being lost in translation, there's actually a lot we can find in translation. It allows us to team up with people across cultures to convert differences into commonalities. That's one skill that is never going out of style.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Passing thoughts

When intuition signals an approaching deluge beyond normal climatic tidal shift it means trouble ahead for these isles. It pays to keenly observe events unfolding in Japan and Asia and their implications here.

Japan has begun plans to build and open her casino industry over the next decade. She's also begun building rural resorts in scenic areas designed for the wealthy and has urged her people to take vacations at home. A recent survey says some 74 percent have agreed to do so beginning this year.

North Korea: The national media have expressed concerns over military personnel in Guam because they are "U.S. citizens." There's never any mention that the people of Guam are also U.S. citizens. Woe! Talk about ignorance!

It's another senseless slight in what they make of our brothers and sisters down south. Is it excusable in what's known in journalism school as "major error in fact"? Sickening the use of the people and island as simple cogs in the huge industrial war machinery of our country.

D.C. sewer: For all the talk to clean out the Washington swamp, apparently there are two creatures in the filthy lake: the monster swamp and the swamp monster.

Well, the swamp is the federal government—the U.S. Congress, disoriented liberals, and its pliant lame media—now known by hardworking Americans across the country as the D.C. "sewer."

The swamp is the bipartisan disaster known as the federal government. It's a fearful muddy place with gators that smile with white teeth illuminating even on moonless nights.

Obama promised that we can "keep our doctor…" only to find out it would cost upwards of $2,500 to do it. Evidently, for seven years Republicans promised repeal but got cold feet and caved into its genteel demeanor clueless of their inaction!

Came retired general John Kelly, a man familiar with Marine discipline he needs to spread among key staffers. He could do it but would Trump's mercurial mood allow him to do so?

It isn't surprising that this "president has neither a history of party identification nor an understanding of reciprocal loyalty" and he couldn't care less. Someday when he leaves he would find the swamp a lot cleaner than when he first found it.

Earhart: A stateside group is looking for public land to build a memorial monument of sort for Amelia Earhart here. Let's get certain things straight: What did the lost aviator do for the indigenous people of these isles to merit our land?

She disappeared near Jaluit Island in the Republic of the Marshalls in 1937. Therefore, it stands to reason that a final internment at sea be done on that side of the Pacific. We have no obligations on this issue whatsoever. Therefore, use of indigenous public land must be denied forthwith!

Financing: A trusted source said a certain firm here would be bankrolling the re-election of lapdog legislators in next year's election. It must be nice ascertaining that its interest stays rock solid at the expense of "we the people" whose interest has taken tertiary consideration. Isn't this illegal and isn't the Russian collusion intact on the national table?

John S. DelRosario Jr.
As Gonno, Saipan

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claiming on Twitter that the "Fake News Media" has underplayed their importance) before going Dr. Strangelove less than 48 hours later while on vacation in New Jersey. Which one is supposed to be taken seriously? For perhaps the first time, the Twitter version of the president sounds the most reasonable.

Maybe it's boring for a president to act like a grownup in foreign policy, particularly when the stakes are so high. Maybe it doesn't make you the center of attention. Perhaps it's even personally rewarding to give Kim a taste of his own medicine. But that's not what Americans need from their president, and it's not what the free world needs from its supposed leader. As Sen. John McCain recently observed, great leaders don't threaten unless they're ready to act. Either President Trump just wants to provoke—which is clearly unhelpful—or he's genuinely prepared to back up his bombast with military action. Neither would be wise, but the latter choice was absolutely unthinkable until perhaps Tuesday.

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one that could cause massive tragedy for both North Koreans and America's trusting allies in Seoul. Wednesday afternoon, Mattis, ever the loyal serviceman, protected his boss's backside by warning Pyongyang to halt its pursuit of a nuclear bomb and not launch any military action "that would lead to the end of its regime and destruction of its people."

So now the world waits: Before this all ends, the question of whether or not a massive human tragedy occurs on the Korean peninsula may be decided by the one world figure who never wanted this starring role. China's President Xi Jinping may find the diplo-guts and actual humanity to save Kim and Trump from their excessive selves.

Xi may finally insist that North Korea's only chance for a successful future will begin with China's help, and a world of guarantees—but only if the North ends its militaristic ways now.

There is only one way that can occur: The world's two most implausible co-protagonists, North Korea's Kim and America's Trump, must (for once!) stifle their nuclear-bombastic urges, duck out of the global spotlight, cover their gilded assets—and give peace a chance.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.
▲90° ▼79°

SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.
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SUNDAY
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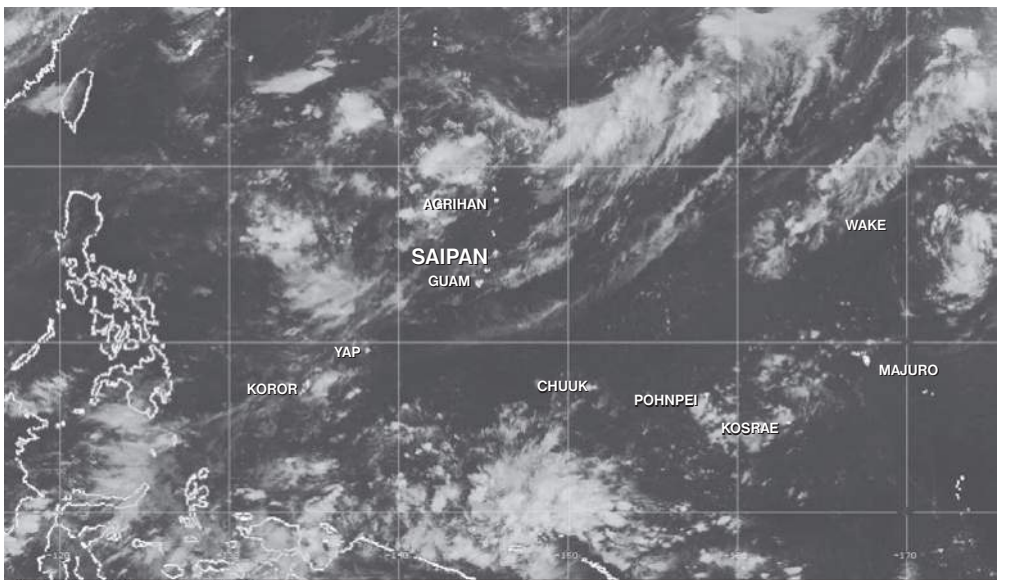

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Models show slow drying in the mid and upper levels during the day today, but isolated thunderstorms should linger into the afternoon before the drying kills them off. The following couple of days still look to be fairly dry with only isolated showers. Isolated thunderstorms should return by Saturday night as a fairly pronounced surface trough approaches from the east. Some drying could return after Monday, but with uncertainty among the models coming into play, will keep the forecast mostly cloudy with isolated showers for now. The marine forecast remains very mild-mannered, with light swell and a low rip risk.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	84° / 77°
Yap	Mostly Sunny	87° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	63° / 52°
Beijing	Thunderstorms	86° / 72°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	91° / 84°
Honolulu	Windy	87° / 76°
London	Mostly Cloudy	68° / 61°
Los Angeles	Sunny	86° / 68°
Manila	Thunderstorms	91° / 79°
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	57° / 48°
Miami	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°
New York	Cloudy	80° / 70°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	91° / 75°
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	73° / 57°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	84° / 75°
Rome	Sunny	82° / 68°
Salem	Thunderstorms	87° / 72°
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DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	1:35am	5:20am	2, 3, 4
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily
ZE584	4:00pm	8:05pm	1, 3, 5
ZE584	4:35pm	8:15pm	2, 4, 6, 7
ZE582	4:45pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
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PR1572	4:40am	6:45am	1, 4
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UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
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UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

ZE583	9:10am	2:40pm	1, 3, 5
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
ZE583	10:05am	3:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7
ZE581	10:10am	3:55pm	Daily
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
LJ651	10:00pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:20am	2:50pm	Daily

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:40am+1	3, 7
UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
PR110/UA6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UO42	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UO42	6:10pm	1:00am+1	3
UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
UO42	6:40pm	2:00am+1	7
UA116/6395	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Bank of Hawaii names new senior leaders

HONOLULU, Hawaii—Bank of Hawaii announced yesterday its new senior leadership team in the West Pacific region.

Together, Mark Tokito, Erlinda D. Alegre, and Jon F. Bargfrede have more than 70 years of experience working in Guam, Palau and Saipan.

Tokito

Alegre

Bargfrede

Tokito, senior vice president, retains and manages all key relationships with large commercial clients via the Guam Commercial Banking Center. He continues to serve as Bank of Hawaii's lead banker for commercial banking clients in Guam, Saipan, and Palau by providing lending, deposit, treasury management, merchant service and other banking solutions. Tokito is the primary liaison with businesses, government and community leaders in those regions.

Tokito started at the bank in 1985 as a management trainee, and rejoined as a corporate banking officer in 2006. He holds a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from the University of Hawaii. A resident of Sinajana, Tokito is a board member of the American Red Cross-Guam Chapter, member and past president of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, treasurer of the Guam Girl Scouts Inc. and serves as an adviser to Guam Community College's Business and Visual Arts Department.

Alegre, senior vice president, is responsible for the bank's retail and operations in the West Pacific region, overseeing two branches in Guam, one in Palau, one on Saipan. She is responsible for the overall financial performance of the West Pacific region, including sales, service, compliance and risk management.

She joined Bank of Hawaii in 1994 and has spent her entire career in Guam. During her 23 years at the bank, Alegre has been promoted to positions of increasing responsibility, including operations analyst; operations manager; and compliance, operations and support manager.

Alegre holds a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Guam. A resident of Mangilao, Alegre is a vice chair and board member for Junior Achievement and Oasis Empowerment Center, member and past president of Soroptimist International of the Marianas, and member and treasurer of Guam Council of Women's Club.

Bargfrede, senior vice president, joined Bank of Hawaii in October 2016 as West Pacific's consumer lending manager. He is responsible for leading the Consumer Lending staff and businesses in the West Pacific, including Dealer Indirect Lending and Direct Lending.

Bargfrede has over 25 years of experience in the financial industry. Prior to joining the bank, Bargfrede was president and CEO of Bank of Saipan for 13 years.

Bargfrede earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Chaminade University of Honolulu and is graduate of the CBA Graduate School of Retail Bank Management. A resident of Agana Heights, Bargfrede is a member of the Sunrise Rotary Club of Guam and serves on the boards of the USO-Guam Chapter and the Guam Chamber of Commerce-Armed Services Committee. James "Hobbs" Lowson, senior vice president, has accepted a position as the West Hawaii market manager and relocated to Kona, Hawaii, effective July. Lowson served in the West Pacific region for over 19 years. ***(PR)***

LTA receives USDA grant

The Latte Training Academy, Inc. has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide training and technical assistance to entrepreneurs throughout the CNMI, according to a statement from the academy.

The training will be implemented in partnership with the CNMI Small Business Development Center. The LTA press release did not specify the amount of the grant.

"We recognize that the CNMI is in an economic uptick and the focus of our entrepreneur training program will be on guiding aspiring entrepreneurs to capitalize on this trend," said LTA executive director Arielle Buyum.

The program is expected to launch in September 2017.

Participating entrepreneurs will be able to receive additional resources through the program's partnership with the SBDC at the Department of Commerce. These services include assistance on business plan development, financial forecasting and locating funds.

"We are working with the Latte Training Academy, Inc. to provide the first of its training series at the department's upcoming Business Development Summit. The focus will be on helping aspiring entrepreneurs from Saipan, Tinian and Rota navigate the unique business landscape in the CNMI," said Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman.

"Building our workforce capacity through trainings such as those provided by Latte Training Academy enable our community to develop our local capacity and have more economic opportunities for families. Supporting local businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs strengthens the backbone of our economy and gives our community the opportunities to learn new skills that will benefit our economy in the long term," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

When notified of the award, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) expressed his excitement for the program's launch.

"Teaching entrepreneurial skills is good not only for people who want to start businesses, but is good for the people those new businesses will employ. In Congress, I will keep working to maintain funding for Rural Business Enterprise grants and for all of the USDA programs that benefit our islands," said Sablan.

"We are grateful for the opportunity we have been granted through our regional USDA office. The work that the regional office has done speaks volumes to the dedication that they hold to ensuring our community is successful," said LTA president Juan-Carlos Benitez.

To learn more, visit www.lattetrainingacademy.com. ***(PR)***

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LAUNCHING THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

MCS opens school year with enrollment boost

Marking a sixth year in a row of enrollment increases, Mount Carmel School opened doors for the new 2017-2018 school year with an enrollment of close to 600 students, up from a historic low of 260 six years ago.

In addition to the enrollment increase, the school launched the new year with many enhancements, including additional sections in Kindergarten, an upgraded information technology system, a new computer science course, and a revived band program.

School principal Frances Taimañao attributed the enrollment increase to the con-

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From left, MCS juniors Jan Bobadilla, Dayna Macaranas, and Quincy Chinen are all smiles on the first day of the school year at Mount Carmel School.

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Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez inspires students to get off to a good start on the first day of the school year at Mount Carmel School.

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Third grade student Kesil Camacho enjoys her first day of the 2017-2018 school year at Mount Carmel School.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

PUBLIC NOTICE

OF CUC'S CONDITIONALLY APPROVED WATER AND WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN TO BE PRESENTED DURING A PUBLIC MEETING ON AUGUST 15, 2017

This is a notice of a public meeting to be held by the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") for the purpose of presenting and discussing the Water and Wastewater Master Plan which has been conditionally approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

CUC will conduct a public meeting on **August 15, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.,** at the **CNMI Multi-Purpose Center** located on Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan, to provide information on and to receive discussion and public comment related to CUC's conditionally approved Water and Wastewater Master Plan.

Pursuant to Section III.B., Paragraph 50 of Stipulated Order Number One for Preliminary Injunctive Relief ("SO1"), filed under United States District Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. 08-0051, CUC is required to develop and submit for EPA approval a comprehensive drinking water and wastewater master plan ("Master Plan") to address the drinking water and wastewater systems needs in the CNMI for the next 20 years. The Master Plan's requirements and scope of interest is set forth further under Sections III.B1, B2, B3 and B4 of SO1.

Copies of the conditionally approved Master Plan and SO1 are available in its entirety for review for at least the next 45 days on CUC's website at: http://www.cucgov.org. Please click on "Draft Water & Wastewater Master Plan" to view or download the documents. A written copy of the Master Plan will also be available for inspection at the CUC Administrative Office: Third Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan; CUC Tinian Office; CUC Rota Office. CUC will also be providing copies to the Joeten-Kiyu Library and the Northern Marianas College Library during this time.

Written comments are also being solicited and can be mailed to CUC at P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to: CUC Administrative Office: Third Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan; CUC Tinian Office; CUC Rota Office.

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Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is the agency authorized to allocate Low Income Housing Tax Credits (Credits) in the CNMI. The United States 1986 Tax Reform Act created the federal low-income housing tax credit program under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) to assist with the development of low-income rental housing by providing qualified owners with credit to offset their federal tax obligations. The Credits are available to owners/developers of qualifying buildings and projects that meet certain low-income occupancy and rent restrictions.

Section 42 of the Code provides that the CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The QAP must incorporate selection criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists.

NMHC has developed a QAP and is available at NMHC's office and website. The QAP describes the basis that NMHC will use to allocate Credits. NMHC may allocate **$102,092.00** in Credits for the 2017 program year.

Application for Credits

Owners/Developers wishing to apply for the Credits should obtain and complete a LIHTC Application. The LIHTC Application may be obtained from NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950 or through our website at www.nmhcgov.net.

Owners/Developers must file the completed LIHTC Application along with the **$2,500.00 Application Fee** at NMHC's Office by the Application Deadline of **4:30 pm, October 13, 2017**. NMHC staff will review the application and will notify the Owner/Developer of any deficiencies by 15 days time or **October 30, 2017**. The owner/developer will be given 14 days to correct any deficiencies. Any corrections or supplemental information requested by NMHC must be received by **4:30 pm November 13, 2017**. The projects will be scored and recommendations made to the NMHC Board of Directors for approval at its **November/December 2017** Board Meeting.

Notification of Awards

NMHC will notify Owners/Developers of the projects receiving Credits thirty (30) days following the November/December 2017 Board of Directors meeting. The reservation letter must be signed and returned to NMHC by no later than thirty (30) days from the date of notification.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangements, please contact Ms. Jocelyn Seman at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

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certed efforts of faculty to improve instructional quality.

"Our students did really well on the recent SAT-10 test and AP [Advanced Placement] tests, showing that we are prioritizing student learning," she said. "This comes from our continuing efforts to help teachers grow and improve."

Student Council president Erika Mendiola is excited about all the new developments. "I think it's great," she said. "There are more choices for students that give them new opportunities that could one day be their passion."

The first day of school started with the annual opening day Mass, the Mass of the Holy Spirit, which was celebrated by Bishop Ryan Jimenez.

After the gospel, Jimenez led school employees in the Commissioning Ceremony of Catholic Educators, which is held every start of the school year during the Mass of the Holy Spirit. The ceremony highlighted the commitment of faculty, staff, and administrators to the school's mission and philosophy.

In Jimenez's homily, he related a new school year to his daily runs at American Memorial Park. "At first it's hard, but once you get going, it gets better."

He also welcomed new and returning members of the school family, inviting them to surrender to the Holy Spirit as they launch the new school year.

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Mount Carmel School's 2017-2018 Student Council president Erika Mendiola reads the First Reading at the opening day Mass.

Bobby Baldazo prepares his sophomores for the new school year at Mount Carmel School. MCS

While there has been a substantial enrollment increase, the school still has limited slots available in a few grade levels. For more information, call 234-6184 or visit mountcarmelsaipan.com. ***(MCS)***

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Former Teacher of the Year Shirley Duenas-Kapileo helps students transition into the new school year at Mount Carmel School.

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Business

Google gender debacle speaks to tech culture wars, politics

NEW YORK (AP)—The Google engineer who blamed biological differences for the paucity of women in tech had every right to express his views. And Google likely had every right to fire him, workplace experts and lawyers say.

Special circumstances—from the country's divisive political climate to Silicon Valley's broader problem with gender equity—contributed to the outrage and subsequent firing. But the fallout should still serve as a warning to anyone in any industry expressing unpopular, fiery viewpoints.

"Anyone who makes a statement like this and expects to stick around ... is foolish," said David Lewis, CEO of Operations Inc., a human resources consulting firm.

WHY HE LOST HIS JOB

The engineer, James Damore, wrote a memo criticizing Google for pushing mentoring and diversity programs and for "alienating conservatives." The parts that drew the most outrage made such assertions as women "prefer jobs in social and artistic areas" and have a "lower stress tolerance" and "harder time" leading, while more men "may like coding because it requires systemizing."

Google's code of conduct says workers "are expected to do their utmost to create a workplace culture that is free of harassment, intimidation, bias, and unlawful discrimination." Google's CEO, Sundar Picahi, said Damore violated this code.

Yonatan Zunger, who recently left Google as a senior engineer, wrote in a Medium post that he would have had no choice but to fire Damore had he been his supervisor.

"Do you understand that at this point, I could not in good conscience assign anyone to work with you?" he wrote . "I certainly couldn't assign any women to deal with this, a good number of the people you might have to work with may simply punch you in the face."

Though one might argue for a right to free speech, however unpopular, such protections are generally limited to government and other public employees—and to unionized workers with rights to disciplinary hearings before any firing.

Broader protections are granted to comments about workplace conditions. Damore argues in a federal labor complaint that this applies to his case, but experts disagree.

"By posting that memo, he forfeited his job," said Jennifer Lee Magas, public relations professor at Pace University and a former employment law attorney. "He was fired for his words, but also for being daft enough to post these thoughts on an open workplace forum, where he was sure to be met with backlash and to offend his colleagues - male and female alike."

UNIQUELY GOOGLE

The fallout comes as Silicon Valley faces a watershed moment over gender and ethnic diversity.

Blamed for years for not hiring enough women and minorities—and not welcoming them once they are hired—tech companies such as Google, Facebook and Uber have promised big changes. These have included diversity and mentoring programs and coding classes for groups underrepresented among the companies' technical and leadership staff. Many tech companies also pledge to interview, though not necessarily hire, minority candidates.

These are the sorts of things Damore's memo railed against.

As such, experts say Damore might not have been fired at a company that doesn't have such a clear message on diversity.

In addition, had Damore worked for a smaller, lesser-known company, an internal memo might not have created such a "media storm," said Aimee Delaney, a Hinshaw & Culbertson attorney who represents companies on labor matters.

US oil industry pushes back on sanctions against Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—The Trump administration's decision on Wednesday to slap sanctions on eight members of Venezuela's all-powerful constitutional assembly brings to 30 the number of government loyalists targeted for human rights abuses and violations of democratic norms since anti-government protests began in April.

But even as the list of targeted individuals grows longer, promised economic sanctions have yet to materialize amid an outcry by the U.S. oil industry that a potential ban on petroleum imports from Venezuela—the third-largest supplier to the U.S.—would hurt U.S. jobs and drive up gas costs.

The sanctions announced Wednesday focused on current or former Venezuelan government officials accused by the U.S. of supporting President Nicolas Maduro's creation of a special assembly charged with rewriting Venezuela's constitution—a move the U.S. says is an attempt by Maduro to shore up his grip on power.

Since its election last month, the 545-member assembly has declared itself superior to all other government institutions and ousted Venezuela's chief prosecutor, a vocal critic of Maduro.

The U.S. Treasury Department took the unusual step of sanctioning Maduro himself last month, freezing any assets he may have in the U.S. and blocking Americans from doing business with him.

The newest additions on Wednesday include Adan Chavez, the older brother of Hugo Chavez, who is credited with introducing the late president to Marxist ideology in the 1970s, and a national guard colonel lionized by the government after he physically shoved congress President Julio Borges during a heated exchange caught on video.

Former Foreign Minister Delcy Rodriguez, who is leading the assembly but has so far escaped being sanctioned, said the latest U.S. action seeks to "spread fear" among delegates and please government opponents she described as "criminals" and "unpatriotic."

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THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ JAMES A. ADA
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR OF P&S

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR
AIRPORT MASTER PLANNING and AGIS SURVEY SERVICES
FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-009-16

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Airport Master Planning and AGIS Survey Services for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. CPA's selection process is intended to be in compliance with FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E (or latest publication) entitled "Architectural, Engineering and Planning Consultant Services for Airport Grant Projects" and in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted in writing to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager, faxed to (670) 664-3533 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, August 18, 2017, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Capability to perform all or most aspects of the project, such as preliminary design, construction management, bidding services, Airport Layout Plan revisions, environmental evaluations – such as documented category exclusion, financial analysis, preliminary civil design, mechanical and electrical engineering. Demonstrated ability to implement quality control measures, identify problems completely, and implement corrective action promptly in order to meet contract schedule requirements and AIP standards. **(WEIGHT 20)**
2. Key personnel's professional background and successful relevant experience in airport projects comparable to the proposed projects. **(WEIGHT 20)**
3. Demonstrated ability to meet Airport Improvement Program AGIS standards, NGS requirements, Airport Master Plan standards, project schedules or deadlines, and to complete projects without having major cost escalations, overruns, or disputed claims; and demonstrated ability to meet Airport Improvement Program. **(WEIGHT 20)**
4. Quality of projects previously undertaken that are comparable to proposed projects. **(WEIGHT 10)**
5. Familiarity with the project and demonstrated understanding of the projects potential problems and the owner's special concerns. **(WEIGHT 10)**
6. Capability to furnish a qualified and experienced team for all phases of the Airport Master Planning Services and AGIS Project; and knowledgeable of specific issues at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. (WEIGHT 10)
7. Demonstrated skills, knowledge, experience, and capabilities in AGIS; ability to implement an AGIS Obstruction Survey and Airport Airspace Analysis; ability to complete a comprehensive Airport Master Plan Update; ability to complete projects on budget and on time. **(WEIGHT 10)**

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified consulting firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:
Mr. Christopher S. Tenorio
Executive Director
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P.O. Box 501055
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/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: July 25, 2017

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP17-DCCA/CCDF-200

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"TO IMPLEMENT YEAR 2 OF PILOT CNMI QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEMS (1RIS) FOR THE DCCA CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM'S CHILD CARE PROVIDERS"

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AFTER AUGUST 11, 2017 AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENSION DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND OFFICE BUILDING NO. 1347 SAIPAN ON **SEPTEMBER 05, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME.**

ANY QUESTIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO MS. MARIBEL S.D. LOSTE, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR VIA E-MAIL AT ccdf.maribelloste@gmail.com OR BY FAX TO (670) 664-2547 NO LATER THAN THE **CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 06, 2017.**

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS NMIAC 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

/S/ PARKER YOBEI
ACTING SECRETARY OF DCCA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB17-DPS-195

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF A CLASS "F" VEHICLE (PICK-UP TRUCK WITH TOWING CAPACITY) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATION MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE PROVISION OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB17-DPS-196

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 24, 2017 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF ELEVEN (11) CLASS "I" VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

Nation

Trump hits McConnell for Senate crash of Obama healthcare repeal

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump scolded his own party's Senate leader on Wednesday for the crash of the Republican drive to repeal and rewrite the Obama health care law, using Twitter to demand of Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, "Why not done?"

Trump fired back at the Kentucky Republican for telling a home-state audience this week that the president had "not been in this line of work before, and I think had excessive expectations about how quickly things happen in the democratic process."

The exchange came less than two weeks after Senate rejection of the GOP effort to scuttle President Barack Obama's health care law, probably McConnell's most jolting defeat as leader and Trump's worst legislative loss. The House approved its version in May, but its Senate failure—thanks to defecting GOP senators—marked the collapse of the party's attempt to deliver on vows to erase Obama's statute it's showcased since the law's 2010 enactment.

"Senator Mitch McConnell said I had 'excessive expectations,' but I don't think so," Trump tweeted. "After 7 years of hearing Repeal & Replace, why not done?"

McConnell

Trump had repeatedly used Twitter to pressure McConnell to find the votes to approve the health care bill, even saying hours after its failure that GOP senators "look like fools."

But his tweet Wednesday was an unusually personal reproach of the 33-year Senate veteran, who is deeply respected by GOP lawmakers.

Trump will need him to guide the next major Republican priority, a tax system overhaul, through the chamber. And he might be a useful White House ally as investigations progress into collusion between Russia and Trump's presidential campaign.

For his part, McConnell's statement was surprising because he is typically among the capital's most guarded politicians. When it comes to criticizing Trump, he's seldom gone further than saying he wishes he would stop tweeting, and often refused to chime in when Trump made widely condemned comments during last year's campaign.

McConnell told the Rotary Club of Florence, Kentucky, on Monday that people think Congress is underperforming partly because "artificial deadlines, unrelated to the reality of the complexity of legislating, may not have been fully understood."

He added that 52 is "a challenging number," a reference to the GOP's scant 52-48 Senate majority. "You saw that on full display a couple of weeks ago," when McConnell failed to muster a majority to push three different Republican health care plans through the chamber.

McConnell's Kentucky remarks also drew a tweet from Dan Scavino Jr., the White House social media director.

"More excuses," wrote Scavino, one of Trump's more outspoken loyalists. "@SenateMajLdr must have needed another 4 years—in addition to the 7 years—to repeal and replace Obamacare."

Also joining the fray was Fox News Host Sean Hannity, a close Trump ally.

"@SenateMajLdr No Senator, YOU are a WEAK, SPINELESS leader who does not keep his word and you need to Retire!" Hannity tweeted.

Alert driver's tip led to capture of police killing suspect

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—A man charged in the shooting death of a western Missouri police officer was arrested after an alert driver provided a tip that the fugitive was wandering within miles of where the killing took place, a law enforcement official said.

The driver reported seeing Ian McCarthy walking along a state highway near Bucksaw Marina, just east of Clinton, and he was arrested without incident late Tuesday, Sgt. Bill Lowe of the Missouri Highway Patrol said at a news conference later that night.

The arrest ended a two-day manhunt that began after 37-year-old Clinton police officer Gary Michael was shot to death during a traffic stop Sunday night in Clinton, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) southeast of Kansas City.

Michael and McCarthy had exchanged gunfire before the officer died and the driver fled. Lowe said McCarthy, 39, was suffering from a gunshot wound when a patrol trooper arrested him. Lowe said the wound "wasn't serious" and probably was from his confrontation with McCarthy.

Lowe declined to comment on whether McCarthy had offered in insight on a possible motive when he was questioned after his arrest.

McCarthy was taken to a Kansas City area hospital for treatment and then was taken into custody at the Henry County jail. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Friday on charges of first-degree murder and armed criminal action. Online court records as of Wednesday do not show whether McCarthy has an attorney.

"We're just extremely thankful to the citizens of Henry County and citizens of Clinton that continued to give us tips and information. Without that, we may still be looking for him," Lowe said.

McCarthy was not armed when he was arrested. As of late Wednesday afternoon, Lowe said, investigators had not found the weapon used in Michael's shooting.

Investigators on Wednesday still were trying to retrace McCarthy's whereabouts during his two days on the run and determine if he had any help eluding authorities, Lowe said.

As the investigation continues, attention turned to honoring Michael, who was the first officer killed in the line of duty in Clinton.

His body was returned Wednesday to Clinton from Kansas City, where it had been since Monday while an autopsy was performed. A long line of police cars from across the state accompanied the body on the nearly 70-mile route, with emergency lights flashing. Along the route, vehicles stopped as the procession passed and onlookers paused to watch.

Hundreds of residents waited with police officers to greet Michael's body when it arrived in Clinton. At the funeral home, his fellow officers saluted as his body was carried into the building before a prayer was said.

McCarthy is also wanted in New Hampshire, where a warrant was issued in 2013 when he failed to show up for sentencing on a disorderly conduct charge, according to court records in that state. He served about four years in prison there for first-degree assault and a parole violation. He also is wanted on a warrant out of Johnson County, Missouri, in 2015 for unlawful possession of a firearm.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-018

Supply and Delivery of Water and Wastewater Annual Materials

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Water & Wastewater Division Annual Materials for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials based on bids for "Commodity Groups".

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked ***"CUC-IFB-17-018, Supply & Delivery of Water & Wastewater Division Annual Materials",*** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 06, 2017** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and

Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All responses to this IFB shall take into account any and all taxes which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract.

The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Prospective Bidders must comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 22, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator- via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Geoffrey Ada, CUC Water-Wastewater, Inventory Technician – via email address geoffrey.ada@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-038

Electric Power Pole Mitigation Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms to perform mitigation of the CUC power distribution system through the replacement of 374 wood poles to concrete poles in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project entails the replacement of 103 units of 35-foot and 271 units of 40-foot wood poles to concrete poles and the assembly of electrical hardware. The work site is to take place across CUC's power grid.

This project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from the CUC and FEMA.

*CUC requires the Project to be completed in **174 calendar days** from date of award of contract.*

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-038, Electric Power Pole Mitigation Project", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 29, 2017** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 18, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator- via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Adrian Reyes, CUC Power Jr. Electrical Engineer – via email address adrian.reyes@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Asia

AP EXPLAINS: 70 years of India-Pakistan tensions unresolved

NEW DELHI (AP)—When the British ended two centuries of colonial rule on the Indian subcontinent in August 1947, they left a jigsaw legacy—the vast country of India flanked on either side by a newly created Pakistan split in two parts. Excitement over independence was quickly overshadowed by some of the worst bloodletting the world has ever seen, leaving up to 1 million people dead as gangs of Hindus and Muslims slaughtered each other.

As the 70th anniversary of India-Pakistan Partition comes up next week, relations between the two nations are as broken as ever. In some ways, their violent birth pangs dictated their future course through suspicion and animosity.

Here's a look at the troubled legacy of Partition:

AP

In this Feb. 20, 1999 file photo, Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, left, receives Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at the Wagah border near Lahore, Pakistan.I

FAMILIES DIVIDED

India's independence leaders had proposed a secular federation where Hindus and Muslims would live together. The Muslim League, representing the region's 30 percent Muslim minority, said it wanted a separate nation to be free of perceived oppression by the Hindu majority.

Creating two independent nations, however, tore apart millions of Hindu and Muslim families in one of the world's largest peacetime migrations. Many fled their homes and lost their property, never imagining that they would not be able to return. At least 15 million people were displaced.

As relations between India and Pakistan soured, travel restrictions and hostile bureaucracies kept many from crossing the border to visit family and friends. The countries make a few exceptions for religious pilgrimages, allowing small groups of Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs to visit holy sites during religious festivals. Recently, New Delhi has allowed ailing Pakistanis to come to India for medical treatment.

NUCLEAR BRINKMANSHIP

India and Pakistan have found three wars and built up their armies but also developed nuclear weapons.

India was the first to conduct a nuclear test in 1974. The test elicited an angry reaction from Pakistan, where Prime Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto said his countrymen would be prepared to eat grass if they had to go nuclear.

India didn't conduct nuclear tests again until 1998. Pakistan followed with its own nuclear tests just a few weeks later. Experts say the two sides have since armed themselves with hundreds of nuclear warheads as well as missile delivery systems.

THE KASHMIR QUESTION

No issue has bedeviled India-Pakistan relations like the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

Soon after gaining independence, both sides claimed the majority-Muslim region in its entirety. Kashmir's Hindu ruler wanted to stay independent, but local uprisings and a raid by Pakistani tribesmen drove the maharaja to seek assistance from Indian troops.

This spiraled into a yearlong war that ended with a U.N.-brokered ceasefire and Kashmir divided between the two young nations by the heavily militarized Line of Control.

Kashmiri discontent with Indian rule took root as successive governments reneged on a promise to allow a referendum. India and Pakistan fought a second war over Kashmir in 1965 that resulted in little change.

When a full-blown rebellion erupted in 1989, India deployed even more troops to the region. Thousands of Kashmiri fighters staged bloody attacks on Indian security forces and on pro-India Kashmiri politicians.

In the last decade, the rebellion has been suppressed and most anti-India sentiment is expressed in regular street protests by tens of thousands of civilians. They are sometimes quelled by deadly force.

GLACIER BATTLEGROUND

The Line of Control ends abruptly at Siachen Glacier, a 6,100-meter-high (20,000-foot-high) icy Himalayan expanse that is the world's highest battlefield.

Thousands of troops have been deployed on the glacier since 1984, laying claim to territory so hostile to human life it has never been demarcated. Far more troops have died from avalanches or bitter cold than in combat.

PH elections chief files criminal raps against wife

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine elections chief filed criminal complaints Wednesday against his estranged wife, who has publicly accused him of amassing unexplained wealth and receiving commissions from a law firm whose clients include a company that provided vote-counting machines in last year's presidential polls.

Commission on Elections Chairman Andres Bautista said the allegations made by his wife, Patricia Paz Bautista, and her lawyers "are all lies" and that he's filed complaints that include robbery and extortion against her. Her lawyer has denied the charges.

"It was my hope that we could still fix our marital problems or at least address them in a civil and decent manner," Bautista said in a statement sent to The Associated Press, adding that President Rodrigo Duterte tried to help mediate.

Bautista, however, said "it is now clear she is motivated by greed and that she will stop at nothing to besmirch my reputation and that of my family for the purpose of financial gain."

Bautista, who was once a nominee for the chief justice, has said the problem wasn't connected to and won't likely affect the outcome of the May 9 elections last year. Duterte won the presidency with a huge margin of more than 16 million votes. Leni Robredo emerged as vice president with a slim margin over Sen. Ferdinand Marcos Jr., a son and namesake of the late Philippine dictator.

Members of Congress, senators and the Department of Justice have called for an investigation of the looming scandal his wife has dubbed "my telenovela."

In a news conference with selected journalists last week, Bautista's wife said she found dozens of her husband's bank books, real estate property documents, checks, offshore investment papers and commission slips in their home late last year showing his wealth to be worth about 1 billion pesos ($19.8 million).

That was higher than the 176.3 million pesos ($3.5 million) in assets he declared last year in an annual disclosure required of all government officials, she said, adding she and her husband have been estranged since 2013.

"I found passbooks, properties that I have never heard of but belonged to Andy, found money, cash gift-wrapped," she said. "I realized that these things could actually be items of question, things that could get my children in trouble, me into trouble."

A law firm, whose clients included a Venezuelan company that provided electronic vote-counting machines in last year's elections, sent checks to the elections chief, she said.

Her husband said that the money was payment for condominium units he sold to the law firm's owner, whois his friend. The law firm said it did not represent the Venezuelan company over any legal issue before the Elections Commission.

China raises toll to 20 dead in quake in southwest mountains

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese monitors say they've detected multiple landslides but no major building collapses following a powerful earthquake in the country's mountainous southwest that killed at least 20 people and injured 431.

The Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth under the Chinese Academy of Sciences drew the conclusion from satellite imagery collected after the magnitude 6.5 quake struck Tuesday night, the official Xinhua News Agency and state broadcaster CCTV said Thursday.

Authorities raised the death toll by one to 20 and injured by around 200 on Thursday. Six tourists and two local residents were known to be among the dead, and 18 people had serious injuries, local authorities said.

More than 60,000 people have been evacuated from the area amid continuing aftershocks, state media said.

A Canadian woman suffered a slight head injury and a French citizen was wounded in both legs and needed surgery to remove stone fragments, according to Xinhua.

Most of the deaths and injuries were recorded in Zhangzha township, near Jiuzhaigou national park in Sichuan province that is listed by UNESCO as a world heritage site.

The quake knocked out electricity and sent boulders tumbling down steep mountainsides onto blocked roads, while Xinhua said its photographers on the scene reported extensive damage to scenic sites which include lakes, spectacular waterfalls and karst formations.

The speed of the rescue effort appeared due in part to improvements to emergency response preparations enacted after the Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture that includes Jiuzhaigou was struck by a massive 2008 earthquake that killed nearly 90,000 people.

The U.S. Geological Survey measured the quake at magnitude 6.5 and said it struck at a depth of just 9 kilometers (5.5 miles). Shallow earthquakes tend to cause more damage than deeper ones.

On Wednesday morning, another strong earthquake struck far northwestern China, some 2,200 kilometers (1,360 miles) from Jiuzhaigou, injuring 32 people, two of them seriously, and damaging more than 1,000 houses. That quake was measured at 6.3 by the USGS and struck in a sparsely populated area of the Xinjiang region near the Kazakhstan border.

World

Yemen's civil war turns country into cholera breeding ground

AP
In this photo taken on Saturday, Jul. 8, 2017, a worker fills bottles with water at the mineral water refilling station in Sanaa, Yemen. Yemen's raging two-year conflict has served as an incubator for lethal cholera.

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Collapsing on sidewalks and constantly vomiting, some of the Yemeni villagers barely make it to the tiny health center where doctors spread carton sheets in the backyard and use trees to hang bags of IV fluids for patients.

They are part of a stream of hundreds of suspected cholera victims that continues to converge on the center from the impoverished town of Bani Haydan in Yemen's northern Hajja province. Just hours after being infected, vomiting and diarrhea cause severe dehydration that can kill without rapid intervention.

Yemen's raging two-year conflict has turned the country into an incubator for lethal cholera: Primitive sanitation and water systems put Yemenis at risk of drinking feces-contaminated water; wells are dirtied by runoff from rainfall on piles of garbage left uncollected for weeks; farmland is irrigated with broken sewers due to lax oversight and corruption; medical intervention is delayed due to unpaid government employees and half of the country's health facilities are out of service.

The cholera outbreak in Haiti has killed more than 9,000 people since 2010, but Yemen has seen the largest outbreak of the disease ever recorded in any country in a single year. The United Nations and international aid organizations say they are shocked at the speed and scale of the outbreak.

"It's a cholera paradise," said George Khoury, head of Office at the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Yemen. "It's a recipe for disaster."

One in every 120 Yemenis is now suspected of being sick with cholera, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

There have been around 2,000 deaths in the country since April 27. About 5,000 people fall sick every day and more than 450,000 more are suspected of having the disease, according to the World Health Organization.

The majority of those exposed to the bacteria known as Vibrio cholera don't fall sick and only 1 in 10 infected people develop signs of cholera. Cases are mostly treatable with a simple rehydration solution or IV rehydration.

The role the war has played in Yemen's cholera outbreak can't be overemphasized, said Adeeb al-Rassabi, Sanaa general coordinator for the Electronic Disease and Warning System, the country's epidemic surveillance system. If not for the conflict, "we would have been able to contain cholera in no more than one month, no more, no doubt."

Khoury acknowledged that U.N. agencies were caught by surprise at the rapid increase in the spread of the disease and missed an opportunity to control it in its early stages.

U.N. organizations and government health authorities initially thought the outbreak was over after a mild wave of the disease that started in October. A decline in new cases in February prompted a cut in funds to health centers and a relaxation among health monitors, said al-Rassabi.

But the outbreak returned with a vengeance in late April and Khoury pointed to the failure of the surveillance system designed to spot early cases as a primary reason for its return.

"This is like a fire alarm so if there is smoke and the system is not working, the fire will rage (throughout) the entire place," he said.

Yemen's civil war pits a Saudi-led coalition supporting the internationally recognized government against Shiite Houthi rebels. Disputes between the government and Houthis over revenues have left about a million civil servants, including 30,000 medical staffers, without salaries since September.

Rima al-Youssefi, head of the surveillance system, defended her agency, telling The Associated Press that employees work around the clock without pay. "There is no budget ... there is a severe shortage of everything," she said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Syrian Kurds: 17 Indonesians who escaped IS leave Syria

BEIRUT (AP)—A group of 17 Indonesians who had joined the Islamic State group in the northern Syrian city of Raqqa have been handed over to representatives of their country and have left Syria, a local Kurdish official and a spokeswoman said on Wednesday. According to the official, Omar Alloush, the Indonesian nationals included men, women and children. They were handed over on Tuesday at a Syria-Iraq border crossing. They had been asking to be sent back home, he said. Spokeswoman Nisreen Abdullah from the Women's Protection Units also confirmed the handover. The Rojava News Network, a local Kurdish news network, also reported the news and said the 17 were handed over "based on their government's request." The identities of the Indonesians were not immediately available and Iraqi officials could not confirm the report.

Franklin becomes 1st Atlantic hurricane as it aims at Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Franklin strengthened into the first hurricane of the Atlantic season Wednesday as it neared Mexico's central Gulf coast, heading for an overnight landfall that would be its second on Mexican territory in three days. As a tropical storm, Franklin made a relatively mild run across the Yucatan Peninsula on Monday night and Tuesday, but on Wednesday its winds were gathering force as it prepared to pound a mountainous region prone to flash floods and mudslides with heavy rains. Authorities in Veracruz state ordered Thursday's classes cancelled at public schools as a precautionary measure. Schools are frequently used as storm shelters in Mexico. The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Franklin had maximum sustained winds of 85 mph (140 kph) late Wednesday afternoon. The storm was expected to gain power as it moved across the southern Gulf of Mexico. Franklin's center was 90 miles (140 kilometers) northeast of the port of Veracruz and it was heading west at 12 mph (19 kph).

Man ambushes French soldiers in car attack, later arrested

LEVALLOIS-PERRET, France (AP)—A man rammed his car into a group of soldiers near Paris, injuring six of them, and then was cornered by police in a highway manhunt—the latest in what's become a disturbingly familiar pattern of attacks targeting French security forces.

It's unclear what motivated the driver, who was hospitalized with bullet wounds after the calculated morning ambush and an hours-long police chase. Authorities said he deliberately accelerated his BMW into a cluster of soldiers in what prosecutors are investigating as a potential terrorist attack.

President Emmanuel Macron went to Twitter to express his "congratulations to the forces of order that apprehended the perpetrator of the attack," and also to urge continued vigilance across the country.

Macron's government painted the incident in the suburb of Levallois-Perret as proof of the need to approve a new security law that critics contend infringes on liberties and would put France in a permanent state of emergency.

Wednesday's attack caused no deaths and hurt no civilians, but still set nerves on edge: It was the seventh attempted attack on security forces guarding France this year alone. While others have targeted prominent sites like the Eiffel Tower, Wednesday's attack hit the leafy, relatively affluent suburb of Levallois-Perret that is home to France's main intelligence service, the DGSI, and its counterterrorism service.

"We know it was a deliberate act," Interior Minister Gerard Collomb said. Defense Minister Florence Parly called it a reminder that extra security measures imposed in recent years are "more necessary than ever."

On a quiet summer morning, the suspect was seen waiting in a black BMW in a cul-de-sac near the Levallois city hall and a building used as a staging point for soldiers in France's operation to protect

prominent sites, according to two police officials, who like others connected to the case weren't authorized to be publicly named because of the ongoing police operation.

A group of soldiers emerged from the building to board vehicles for a new shift when the car sped up and rammed into them, its force hurling the soldiers against their van, one of the officials said. Collomb said the car first approached slowly then sped up about five meters (yards) from its target.

A nearby resident described hearing an ear-piercing scream of pain, then soldiers chasing after the fleeing car.

Authorities checked video surveillance of the area and police fanned out and stopped numerous cars as they searched for the attacker.

Then, on the A16 highway near the English Channel port of Calais, police stopped what Prime Minister Edouard Philippe called the "principal suspect." Images of the arrest scene showed emergency vehicles surrounding a black BMW with a damaged windshield, on a cordoned-off highway in the midst of verdant fields.

Police officers opened fire during the arrest to subdue the man, and the suspect was injured along with an officer hit by a stray police bullet, a judicial official said.

The suspect was hospitalized, the official said, but his condition wasn't immediately clear.

Off The Wall

640,000 NYC warrants for old summonses tossed in one day

NEW YORK (AP)—In a single morning, courts on Wednesday threw out more than 640,000 warrants for New Yorkers ticketed for minor offenses years ago.

The move—requested by prosecutors and hailed by the mayor—marks a sweeping step in city officials' efforts to promote what they see as a more fair and workable approach to low-level offenses. But one of the city's five district attorneys said the dismissals sent a problematic signal about law-breaking.

Applause broke out among politicians, clergy members and others gathered in a Brooklyn courtroom after 143,532 warrants there were cleared in no longer than it took Criminal Court Judge Frederick Arriaga to say: "The court will grant the motion to dismiss each case for the furtherance of justice."

"Someone who owes a $25 fine should not be arrested and brought down to central booking and spend 20 or 24 hours in a cell next to a hardened criminal. That's not fair, and that's not justice," acting Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said after going to court himself to make the request, as did Bronx DA Darcel Clark and Manhattan DA Cyrus R. Vance Jr. Queens DA Richard Brown's office also participated.

But Staten Island DA Michael McMahon steered clear.

"I believe that issuing blanket amnesty for these offenses is unfair to those citizens who responsibly appear in court and sends the wrong message about the importance of respecting our community and our laws," he said in a statement, noting that he's supported initiatives that invite people to appear in person to clear their records. All five DAs are Democrats.

AP

Acting Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, second left, discusses during a news conference, his office's request to dismiss about 143,000 arrest warrants for people who didn't pay tickets for minor offenses years ago, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Wednesday Aug. 9, 2017. He is flanked by New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, left, and New York City Public Advocate Letitia James, third left.

The warrants date back a decade or longer and stem from summonses for nonviolent, small-scale offenses such as littering, open-container drinking, being in a park after hours or walking an unleashed dog. The warrants were issued after recipients didn't show up in court or pay fines.

Many people didn't realize their warrants existed, officials said. Sometimes, people find out only when an encounter with police—after a fender-bender, for instance, or even while reporting a crime—turns into an arrest when an officer checks their ID. For others, the warrants pop up as roadblocks during applications for jobs, housing or public benefits.

They're "law-abiding New Yorkers who committed a petty offense years ago and have not been in trouble with the law since," Vance said in asking a court to toss more than 240,000 warrant cases. Clark said scrapping nearly 160,000 Bronx warrants was "simply the right thing to do."

The prosecutors and Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio also argued that arrests on such warrants tie up police time that could be better spent addressing more serious offenses.

Some other U.S. cities, from Atlanta to Las Vegas, have offered people the chance to resolve certain old warrants, often by paying fines.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Scientists name prehistoric croc after Lemmy from Motorhead

LONDON (AP)—Scientists have named a prehistoric crocodile described as "one of the nastiest sea creatures to have ever inhabited the earth" after late Motorhead frontman and British heavy metal icon Lemmy Kilmister. London's Natural History Museum says the fossil of what's now known as Lemmysuchus obtusidens was dug up in England in the early 20th century but was incorrectly categorized with other sea crocodiles found in the area. Researchers recently took another look at the specimen and gave it a new classification and a scientific name of its own. The fossil is housed at the museum. Curator Lorna Steel suggested it be named after Kilmister, who died in 2015.

Pop-up Cheetos-themed restaurant to open in New York City

NEW YORK (AP)—Frito-Lay is getting in on New York City's restaurant week by opening a pop-up eatery with a menu full of Cheetos-themed cuisine. The Spotted Cheetah opens its doors in lower Manhattan for just three days next week. Some of the dishes on the three-course menu created by chef Anne Burrell include Cheetos Crusted Fried Pickles, Mac n' Cheetos and Cheetos Sweetos Crusted Cheesecake. Prices run from $8 to $22 per dish. Frito-Lay says recipes created by fans inspired the company to "bring a full Cheetos culinary experience to life." The Spotted Cheetah is completely booked for its brief run that begins Tuesday, but Cheetos fans can add their names to an online waitlist. Plano, Texas-based Frito-Lay is a division of PepsiCo.

Hospital laundry worker earns praise for returning $9,100

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—A worker at a Rhode Island hospital is earning praise for what he did with money that was literally laundered. Steven Ledo, a 19-year employee of The Miriam Hospital in Providence, was working the laundry room last month when he noticed $50 and $100 bills billowing out of an open dryer. He gathered up $9,100 in all and turned it over to administrators, who made sure it was returned to an unnamed patient. He tells The Providence Journal that keeping the money never crossed his mind.

Science & Technology

TECH Q&A: How to move old contacts to Gmail

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: We are moving to a new city where our internet service provider, Frontier, doesn't offer service. That means we won't be able to use our current email addresses that end in "@ frontiernet.net." As a result, I recently opened a Gmail account and tried to import our Frontier email and contacts to Gmail. I had no trouble transferring the email, but I can't transfer the contacts. An error message said that Gmail can't import from Frontier.

Because we have 248 contacts in our address book, I don't want to enter them into Gmail by keyboard. What can I do?

A: The transfer of your email contacts is more complicated than it should be because Frontier uses Yahoo to provide its email service. As a result, logging into your Frontier account doesn't provide the right pathway for transferring the contacts list from a Yahoo mail server.

The easiest workaround is to export your contacts list from your Frontier-Yahoo account to your computer as a .csv (Comma-Separated Values) file (see "Export your Frontier Yahoo contacts" at tinyurl.com/ybkdznuc). You can then import the .csv file into Gmail, which will put your Yahoo contacts into your Gmail contacts list (see tinyurl.com/y8q5xhlz).

If you get a message saying the new version of Gmail's Contacts doesn't support importing files, click "Go to old version" at the bottom of the message, then follow the same importing directions. Once that's done, close the window for old version of Gmail contacts and you will be back in the new version with an updated contacts list. (Note: Contacts imported to your Frontier-Yahoo account from other services, such as Facebook, won't transfer using this method.)

Q: My husband has a Windows 10 Lenovo PC, model B50-30, that can no longer connect to our router and gives error message "651." But the PC is still working because it can connect to the neighbor's Wi-Fi.

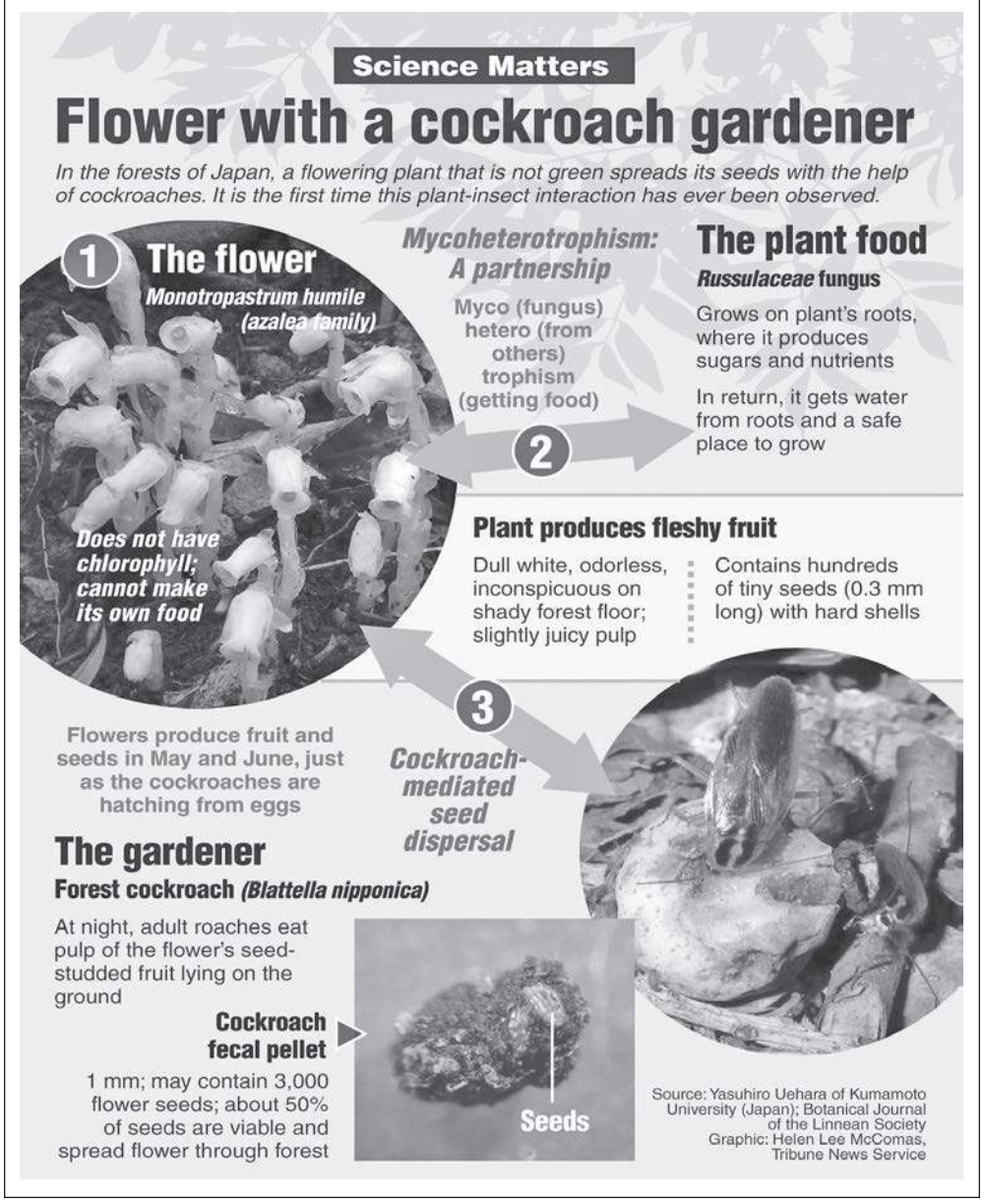
Our router is several years old, but it still works because my iPad and smart TV can still connect to it. Is our problem caused by our internet service provider, Eatel.net? Eatel says no.

A: Your router has a role in an outdated software problem.

A 651 error message suggests that a PC software issue _ perhaps caused by a recent Windows 10 update _ is preventing your computer from connecting to your specific router model, but not others. If that's the case, you need to update the driver software for the PC's network card. (The network card is a circuit board that communicates with your router. The driver software lets Windows communicate with the network card.) To ask Windows to find a newer driver, see tinyurl.com/ycq9n5vl and scroll down to the first solution.

If that doesn't work, see whether the router needs a software update for Windows 10. Check the manufacturer's website for updates.

If those things don't work, try changing the PC's internet settings. One way is to disable software called "internet protocol version 6" (or IPv6.) The other is to reset connection software called TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol.) See the second and third solutions on the website above.


Science Matters
Flower with a cockroach gardener
In the forests of Japan, a flowering plant that is not green spreads its seeds with the help of cockroaches. It is the first time this plant-insect interaction has ever been observed.
1
The flower
Monotropastrum humile (azalea family)
Does not have chlorophyll; cannot make its own food
Mycoheterotrophism: A partnership
Myco (fungus) hetero (from others) trophism (getting food)
2
The plant food
Russulaceae fungus
Grows on plant's roots, where it produces sugars and nutrients
In return, it gets water from roots and a safe place to grow
Plant produces fleshy fruit
Dull white, odorless, inconspicuous on shady forest floor; slightly juicy pulp
Contains hundreds of tiny seeds (0.3 mm long) with hard shells
3
Cockroach-mediated seed dispersal
Flowers produce fruit and seeds in May and June, just as the cockroaches are hatching from eggs
The gardener
Forest cockroach (Blattella nipponica)
At night, adult roaches eat pulp of the flower's seed-studded fruit lying on the ground
Cockroach fecal pellet
1 mm; may contain 3,000 flower seeds; about 50% of seeds are viable and spread flower through forest
Seeds
Source: Yasuhiro Uehara of Kumamoto University (Japan); Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

Life & Style

Mom says she didn't want incident to define Swift's life

DENVER (AP)—Taylor Swift's mother and confidante took the witness stand Wednesday, saying she and her daughter's managers had told the bosses of a disc jockey accused of groping the singer-songwriter that they hoped he would be fired but didn't ask them to do so.

Andrea Swift said during her emotional testimony at a civil trial in federal court in Denver that she had no doubt about what happened during a pre-concert photo op, based on a conversation with her daughter.

"She said, 'Mom, a guy just grabbed my ass.' ... She was really shaken. She was humiliated," a tearful Andrea Swift told jurors.

Andrea Swift is a co-defendant in the lawsuit filed by David Mueller.

Mueller's attorney, Gabriel McFarland, asked why Swift's team didn't contact police.

"I did not want this event to define her life," Andrea Swift said. "We absolutely wanted to keep it private, but we didn't want him to get away with it."

Mueller has sued Taylor Swift and others, claiming he was falsely accused and then fired over her allegation. He is seeking at least $3 million.

Swift has countersued, claiming she was sexually assaulted. She is seeking a symbolic $1, saying she wants to serve as an example to other women who have been assaulted.

Andrea Swift testified that her daughter never urged any specific action against Mueller.

She also said the encounter changed their interactions with the public, explaining that Taylor Swift's meet-and-greets are now smaller and her interaction with fans at concerts is more limited.

"It absolutely shattered our trust," Andrea Swift said. "It scared us, scared us very badly."

The final testimony of the day came from Frank Bell, Swift's liaison with radio stations.

He said he asked Mueller's employer to investigate the encounter but didn't request that Mueller be fired. Instead, he said he sought "appropriate action."

Bell is a longtime friend of Swift's father, Scott Swift, who was in court watching the proceedings.

Earlier in the day, Mueller testified that the photo taken before the 2013 concert in Denver was "weird and awkward," but he insisted that he touched Swift in the ribs, not in the rear, as she alleges in her lawsuit.

Swift's attorney Douglas Baldridge repeatedly asked Mueller why his right hand was behind Swift in the picture.

Mueller said his hand was touching Swift's skirt after he put his arm around her and their arms got crossed.

"My hand was at rib-cage level and apparently it went down," Mueller said.

In the image, shown to jurors during opening statements but not publicly released, Mueller's hand is behind Swift, just below her waist. Both are smiling.

McFarland told jurors that the photo does not show Mueller's hand under Swift's skirt and that the skirt was not rumpled.

Baldridge, however, said several people noticed the pop star was upset after meeting with Mueller.

Her bodyguard Greg Dent has testified in a deposition that he had seen Mueller lift Swift's skirt, the lawyer told jurors.

Tree Paine, back center, publicist for pop singer Taylor Swift, is escorted back to a hotel after the afternoon session of the third day of a civil trial to determine whether a radio host groped the singer in a case in federal court Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, in Denver. AP

Scaramucci to guest on Colbert's 'Late Show' next week

LOS ANGELES (AP)—CBS says Anthony Scaramucci will be a guest on Stephen Colbert's late-night show next week.

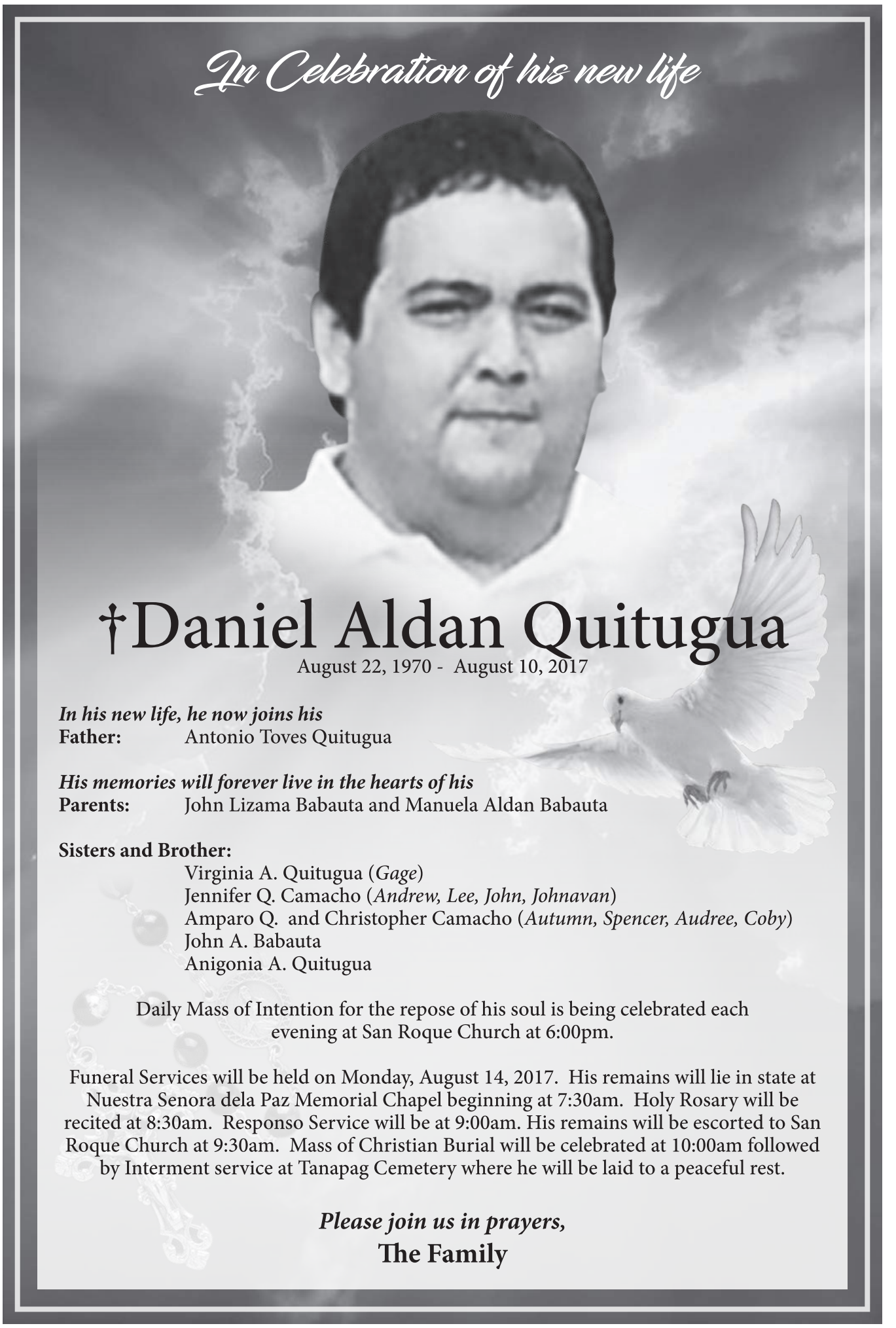
The network said Wednesday that Scaramucci will appear on Colbert's "The Late Show" on Monday.

Scaramucci

The former White House communications director lost his job with President Donald Trump's administration July 31, after only 11 days in the job. His firing came after he gave an expletive-filled interview.

Scaramucci had been scheduled to make other public appearances, including at the Politicon political convention in Southern California, but the financier canceled.

Colbert's gleeful focus on the Trump White House has given his show a late-night ratings lead, and landing Scaramucci is a coup for the host.


In Celebration of his new life
†Daniel Aldan Quitugua
August 22, 1970 - August 10, 2017
In his new life, he now joins his
Father: Antonio Toves Quitugua
His memories will forever live in the hearts of his
Parents: John Lizama Babauta and Manuela Aldan Babauta
Sisters and Brother:
Virginia A. Quitugua (Gage)
Jennifer Q. Camacho (Andrew, Lee, John, Johnavan)
Amparo Q. and Christopher Camacho (Autumn, Spencer, Audree, Coby)
John A. Babauta
Anigonia A. Quitugua
Daily Mass of Intention for the repose of his soul is being celebrated each evening at San Roque Church at 6:00pm.
Funeral Services will be held on Monday, August 14, 2017. His remains will lie in state at Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel beginning at 7:30am. Holy Rosary will be recited at 8:30am. Responso Service will be at 9:00am. His remains will be escorted to San Roque Church at 9:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am followed by Interment service at Tanapag Cemetery where he will be laid to a peaceful rest.
Please join us in prayers,
The Family

‘Game of Thrones’ fans shun spoilers from HBO hack

NEW YORK (AP)—For many “Game of Thrones” fans, the routine spoilers are bad enough: You miss an episode, then stumble on an unsought plot twist before you’ve had a chance to catch up.

Worse than that is the threat of leaked details, or even a whole episode, by hackers currently targeting HBO and its most doted-on series.

“It’s the worst news since the Red Wedding,” says Camden Wicker, a self-professed “GOT” superfan in San Diego.

But the news isn’t all bad. Despite recent script leaks and an episode prematurely put online by Indian pay-TV, Sunday’s “GOT” airing was the series’ most-watched ever, seen by 10.2 million viewers.

Wicker was one of them. When “GOT”-time arrives each Sunday, “the phones are off,” he says, as he and his flatmates huddle in the front of the screen. Afterward, they talk about the episode. Maybe watch it all over again.

“It’s a camaraderie,” says Wicker.

Hacks and leaks can undermine that camaraderie.

“Just when I thought White Walkers were the biggest threat,” he says, “this goes and happens.”

This image released by HBO shows Nikolaj Coster-Waldau as Jamie Lannister in a scene from “Game of Thrones,” which aired Sunday, Aug. 6. Sunday’s airing was the series’ most-watched ever, seen by 10.2 million viewers. AP

The phone isn’t off for Adiya Taylor of New York.

For her, a big part of watching “GOT” is the collective experience, which for her includes live-tweeting during the hour, then checking Twitter afterward for a group post-mortem.

“Between tweets, the messages in my work Slack group and the articles online the next day, watching at 9 p.m. on Sunday is a lot more fun than watching early for the sake of getting it first,” she says.

Ben Storey is a “GOT” fan who, with his wife, makes Sunday night an appointment for viewing of each “GOT” episode. But he’s also a teacher who has modeled a college course on the mythic world of Westeros.

A lecturer at Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business, Storey teaches an alternate-reality “Game of Thrones” as a way of creating rival business strategies.

“My students learn real-world business lessons from taking part in imaginary scenarios,” he says. “They’ll try negotiations with each other. They’ll try to assassinate each other.”

He acknowledges that many of his students would avail themselves of every scrap of ill-gained information they could. But then, “they would be sad about it,” he says. “Leaks are a major threat to appointment viewing and to the fan community.”

Mike Onorato says his circle of “GOT” confederates falls into two groups: those who don’t want to know and those who do everything they can to find out.

But the latter group is a minority, he says. He counts himself among the former, who insist consuming “GOT” in its prescribed weekly doses.

“I look so forward to Sunday nights,” says Onorato. “Cheating to learn what’s going to happen is akin to snooping to find the Christmas gifts before Christmas morning.

“Having to wait is part of the fun,” he says, “and then debating with your friends what it all meant and trying to predict what will happen next.”

Onorato, who works in public relations in Cranford, New Jersey, loves to bring discussion of each Sunday-night airing to his office Monday morning.

“But if someone didn’t watch yet,” he adds, “you close the door so you don’t ruin it for that person.”

Among these “GOT” faithful there’s a dedication to keeping it pure that no leaks or hacks can betray. As Onorato puts it: “We’re all in this together.”

IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

We are blessed with God’s gift of family and friends who have come to us from far and near share with us the mourning of our beloved

†Vicente Camacho Terlaje

Your thoughtfulness and support have greatly helped us in bearing the sorrow of our great loss. Your words of comfort have given us the strength and courage to let go and entrust to the Lord our beloved, where he now dwells in eternal life in His lovely and promised paradise.

We would like thank deeply from our hearts His Excellency Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez for presiding over the celebration of Mass of Christian Burial, our pastor Fr. Jason Granado and Fr. Rey Rozal for assisting in the celebration.

We extend our appreciation to all who have helped in comforting our beloved with much care and compassion during his long illness. It brought joy knowing that his family are always there for him.

As you have remembered our beloved in your prayers, we will also remember you and your loved ones in ours.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Un Dangkulu na Si Yu’us Ma’ase

Maria "Kitalang" Lizama Terlaje,
Children and family

Attorney: Settlement of lawsuit against ABC exceeds $177M

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP)—A legal settlement between ABC and a South Dakota meat producer in a defamation lawsuit over the network’s reports on a beef product that critics dubbed “pink slime” exceeded $177 million, an attorney for the producer said Wednesday.

Disney, which owns ABC, disclosed a $177 million legal settlement charge in a filing with a government securities regulator this week that didn’t specifically link it to South Dakota-based Beef Products Inc. BPI attorney Dan Webb said that based on the disclosure, it appears Disney is funding $177 million of the settlement and insurers are “paying the rest.”

“As Disney disclosed, $177 Million is not the total settlement amount,” Webb said in a statement, which didn’t give the full figure.

Disney reported in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filing that it’s pursuing “additional insurance coverage for this matter.” The company didn’t immediately respond to an email requesting comment from The Associated Press.

BPI and ABC announced the settlement in June while the case was at trial. BPI could have been seeking damages as high as $1.9 billion, according to the SEC filing from Disney.

BPI sued in 2012, saying ABC’s coverage of its lean, finely textured beef product misled consumers into believing the product is unsafe, is not beef and isn’t nutritious.

ABC spokeswoman Julie Townsend said in a June statement that throughout the case the network maintained its reports accurately presented the facts and views of “knowledgeable people” about the product.

The coverage emphasized that the product at the time was present in 70 percent of the ground beef sold in supermarkets, but wasn’t labeled.

After the reports aired, some grocery store chains said they would stop carrying ground beef that contained the product. BPI claimed in the 2012 complaint that sales declined from about 5 million pounds (2.3 million kilograms) per week to less than 2 million pounds (907,000 kilograms) per week.

Lean, finely textured beef can be added to ground beef to reduce the overall fat content. It’s made from trimmings left after beef cattle are butchered. The meat is separated from the fat, and ammonia gas is applied to kill bacteria.

Former Department of Agriculture microbiologist Gerald Zirnstein named the product “pink slime” in a 2002 agency email. He was among several people who were removed from the lawsuit before trial, including ABC anchor Diane Sawyer, leaving just the network and correspondent Jim Avila as defendants.

Fox to counter ABC’s ‘American Idol’ with new contest

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Fox will counter its onetime powerhouse “American Idol” with a new singing contest.

The network said Tuesday that it will launch a contest called “The Four” in 2018.

Fox canceled “American Idol” after its long run because of dwindling ratings and rising costs, only to see it snapped up by ABC for an early 2018 debut.

Fox executives told a TV critics’ meeting that “The Four” is a fresh take, one that’s less about star judges and more about the contestants.

The series begins with four finalists, who will be challenged throughout the contest by new singers trying to take their place.

The prize: The winner’s career will be guided by the industry experts who make up the judging panel.

A debut date and the panelists are to be announced.

Ricky Martin defends Versace murder drama as truthful

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ricky Martin says he reassured Gianni Versace's longtime partner that their relationship is treated respectfully in a TV drama about Versace's 1997 murder.

The pop star plays Antonio D'Amico in FX's "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story," debuting in January.

Martin spoke by phone to D'Amico after he had publicly criticized the unfinished series for what he called inaccuracies.

Executive producer Ryan Murphy said D'Amico may have been judging the drama based on a paparazzi photo taken during filming outside Versace's Miami Beach mansion, where the famed designer was killed.

AP

Ricky Martin, left, a cast member in the FX series "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story," answers a reporter's question as fellow cast members Darren Criss, center, and Edgar Martinez look on during the 2017 Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour at 20th Century Fox Studios on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, in Los Angeles.

Martin said Wednesday he told D'Amico that he will make people fall in love with his relationship with Versace.

Edgar Ramirez plays Versace, with Darren Criss as serial killer Andrew Cunanan, who shot himself after Versace's murder.

Bruce Springsteen plans a series of Broadway fall concerts

NEW YORK (AP)—The Boss is coming to Broadway—but he's ditching the E Street Band.

Bruce Springsteen said Wednesday on his website that he plans to make his Broadway debut onstage this fall at the Walter Kerr Theatre in a solo show in which he performs songs from his career, interspersed with readings of his best-selling memoir "Born to Run."

"Springsteen on Broadway" begins previews Oct. 3 ahead of an Oct. 12 opening at the intimate 960-seat venue. The eight-week run is expected to play through Nov. 26. Springsteen will perform five shows a week.

"I wanted to do some shows that were as personal and as intimate as possible," the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer said in a statement. "My show is just me, the guitar, the piano and the words and music. Some of the show is spoken, some of it is sung. It loosely follows the arc of my life and my work."

The 67-year-old singer-songwriter becomes the latest and biggest artist in years to book a Broadway concert, a list that includes Il Divo, Barry Manilow, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and The Rascals.

For Broadway theater owners, offering an empty venue to a band with a huge fan base offers a way to make money between scheduled musicals or plays. For Springsteen, who has played everything from Red Rocks in Colorado to Madison Square Garden in New York City, it offers another notch on the "Born to Run" singer's resume.

In Springsteen's new book, he reveals that his first marriage—to Julianne Phillips—caused him mental anguish; that he had surgery for cervical-disc problems on the left side of his neck; and that he was depressed earlier in his 60s.

Patriotic 'Wolf Warrior 2' is China's biggest domestic film

BEIJING (AP)—A patriotic film reportedly inspired by evacuations of Chinese civilians in Libya and Yemen has become China's biggest-ever grossing domestic movie.

By Wednesday, action movie "Wolf Warrior 2" had raked in more than 3.4 billion yuan ($507 million) since its release on July 27, overtaking Hong Kong director Stephen Chow's 2016 fantasy comedy "The Mermaid" in the record books.

"Wolf Warrior 2" depicts a former special forces soldier battling against insurgents and mercenaries in Africa to save trapped Chinese workers. Chinese media have reported that it is based on the evacuations of Chinese civilians from Libya in 2011 and Yemen in 2015 that were assisted by the military.

State media reported that cinema showings are sold out and audiences have been giving the movie standing ovations. The official Xinhua News Agency said the film had "grabbed the heart of the nation."

The film has been helped by hitting cinemas during the summer blackout period when major foreign films are not released in an effort to give a lift to Chinese films. But it has also been stirring up patriotism among appreciating audiences taking pride in its message of a confident China with the means and will to protect its citizens abroad.

Cinema-goers have especially praised the pride-stirring combat scenes and the performance of lead actor Wu Jing, a martial artist who also directed the film.

"The patriotism theme is good and it stirred up our patriotic feelings," said media company employee Zhao Yunkun, 26. "I feel very proud of a powerful China and of being Chinese."

Suspended Fox host sues reporter over alleged lewd texts

NEW YORK (AP)—Suspended Fox News host Eric Bolling on Wednesday sued the reporter who broke the story that he had allegedly sent lewd text messages to colleagues.

Bolling filed a $50 million defamation lawsuit in New York state Supreme Court against Yashar Ali, a Huffington Post contributing writer. The cable news host said Ali damaged his reputation through what Bolling called the "highly reckless publication of actionable false and misleading statements about the plaintiff's conduct and character," according to the suit.

Bolling was suspended over the weekend pending an internal investigation that a Fox spokesperson said is underway.

Ali wrote last week that Bolling is accused of sending unsolicited photos of male genitalia to co-workers over several years.

On Wednesday, the reporter tweeted that he stands by his story and will protect his sources. Ali also wrote that he is not going to stop reporting on Bolling "or anyone else. I've had family members killed/jailed in Iran, a lawsuit isn't going to scare me."

Oprah-branded mashed potatoes, soups to hit supermarkets

NEW YORK (AP) — Oprah Winfrey is headed to the supermarket aisle with her own line of refrigerated soups and side dishes.

The media mogul teamed up with food giant Kraft Heinz to launch the line after creating a joint venture earlier this year.

The new brand, called O, That's Good!, will offer comfort foods with added vegetables, such as mashed potatoes with cauliflower mixed in. A broccoli cheddar soup has butternut squash to replace some cheese.

"This product line is real, delicious food with a twist," Winfrey said in a statement Wednesday.

Kraft Heinz Co. said the new brand has no connection to Winfrey's deal with Weight Watchers and won't mention the weight loss program on its packaging. Winfrey bought a 10 percent stake in Weight Watchers two years ago and appears in its ads.

The Oprah-branded soups and side dishes, priced below $5 each, will come to some supermarkets this week and be available nationwide by October.

Spouse can't fix what's broken between wife and her mother

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I met four years ago, have been married for two and I still haven't met her mother. My mother-in-law, a homophobic, self-proclaimed "evangelist prophet," refuses to acknowledge our union.

Her behavior upsets my wife, which angers me to the point that I have no desire to ever cross paths with her. My wife sometimes cries about this wedge in their relationship, which only makes me resent my mother-in-law more. Is there something I should do or say to either of them that might possibly help all of us deal with this turmoil a little better?

FRUSTRATED LESBIAN-IN-LAW

DEAR FRUSTRATED: If the wedge in your wife's relationship with her evangelist prophet mother is that she is a lesbian and married, there is nothing you can do. Your mother-in-law will either, with time, come to accept it (don't hold your breath), or your wife will learn through counseling that it is not her responsibility to sacrifice her happiness to please her mother. I hope you will encourage your wife to do that.

DEAR ABBY: I have been a daily reader of your column since I was a little girl, so your answer to my question will be valued.

I eat an apple every day on my drive home from work, and when I'm done, I toss the core out the window. I try my best to support the Earth, and I believe I am feeding the rabbits and birds with my apple a day. Friends insist that what I'm doing is littering and helping neither the furry friends nor the environment. Can you help solve the debate—to toss or not to toss? Thanks!

AN APPLE A DAY

DEAR A.A.A.D.: I, too, love our furry and feathered creatures, but I agree with your friends. What you are doing is littering, regardless of how you're rationalizing it. If you truly want to support the Earth, keep a small container in your vehicle for the apple core and dispose of it when you get home.

DEAR ABBY: I just got together with a guy I really like. We have been dating for about a week, but now I realize I'm just not ready to start dating. I'm 15 and I don't feel I'm mature enough. Also, I don't want a boyfriend because I'm moving in a month. Help! I don't know if I should break up with him. What do I do?

CALIFORNIA TEEN

DEAR CALIFORNIA TEEN: Because you are moving in about a month, I don't think breaking up in the formal sense is necessary. It couldn't hurt to tell him you think you may have gotten serious too quickly, because getting serious after a week of dating IS too quickly. I have a hunch that once you have moved, distance will solve your problem for you.

P.S. Now that you realize you're not ready to date, when you have made the move, take a break from romance and concentrate on your studies. You won't be sorry.

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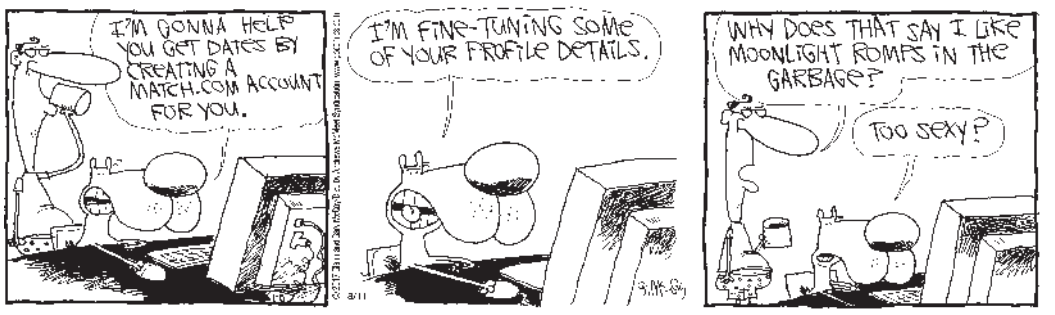
YEP. NOTHING LIKE A COOL POOL ON A HOT DAY.
I COULD FLOAT HERE ALL DAY. LIKE A BIG LAZY CROCODILE.
I THINK THAT'S MY SPIRIT ANIMAL. A CROCODILE.
WHAT'S YOURS?
I'M TORN BETWEEN A SLOTH AND A GUMMY BEAR.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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By Eugene Sheffer

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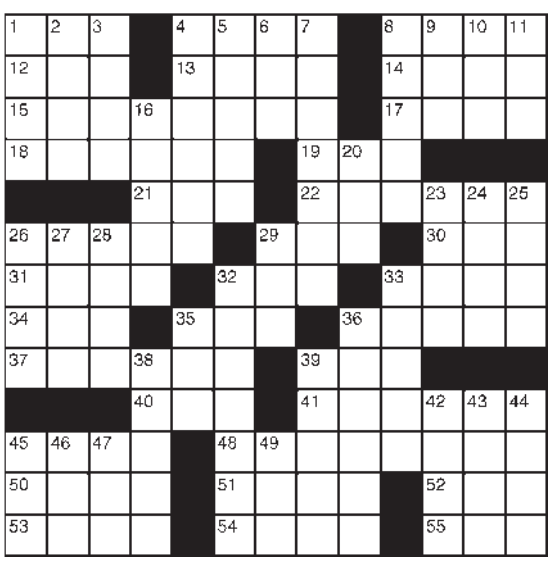

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Happy Birthday: Look for answers before you make a decision. Question what is happening around you and consider how to best respond. Don't feel pressured to follow the crowd, but try to understand what you will have to do in order to forge your own path. Draw on your inner strength and make an honest assessment of the possibilities that exist. Learn from experience. Your numbers are 4, 12, 20, 23, 30, 34, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Get involved in activities that challenge and motivate you to do more. Your emotions and enthusiasm will push you to become an overachiever. Celebrate with friends or your lover, but don't overdo it. Take good care of your health. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): What you can afford and what you want to do will conflict with one another. Look for common ground to avoid adding to your stress. Cut your costs by doing some of the preliminary work or sizing down your plans. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Power struggles will leave you feeling emotionally exhausted. Your time and energy would be better spent making conversions to your home environment. An older individual will make a wise and notable suggestion. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Be careful how you handle challenges. If you are impatient or overly possessive, you will end up in a stalemate. In order to get what you want, be diplomatic, charming and reasonable. Don't act based on unverified information. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Communication will be your source of knowledge when dealing with peers. Ask questions and find out exactly what others think. Once you understand what will make a difference to the majority, it will be easier to find a solution. Lead the way. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Check your assets and update documents. Altering the way you live to better suit your schedule will help ease your stress and give you more time to do the things you enjoy. A chance for romance is apparent, but don't be indulgent. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Take care of your health and do your best not to overreact or take on more than you can handle. It's important not to make assumptions or let your personal life affect your ability to take care of professional responsibilities. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You'll get charged up easily. Make plans to do something that will challenge you physically. An athletic activity or social event that requires enthusiasm and interaction on your part will encourage you to explore new people and possibilities. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Making positive changes at home will lift your spirits and encourage you to host an event. Don't feel the need to persuade others to follow you. Do your own thing and your success and enthusiasm will draw interest. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Problems with friends, relatives or neighbors will escalate quickly if you overreact. Don't make a snap decision or change based on an emotional incident. Stay calm and keep the peace until you have more time to consider what's transpired. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): A new opportunity will catch you by surprise. Jump into action and take advantage of what's being offered. You have a chance to gain respect and boost your reputation through the choices and actions you take. Make positive changes. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Whatever you do, be sure your motives and intentions are stellar. Someone will question your integrity if you appear to have an agenda that is for your benefit only. Emotional situations will lead to unexpected changes. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are open-minded, curious and expressive. You are sociable and popular.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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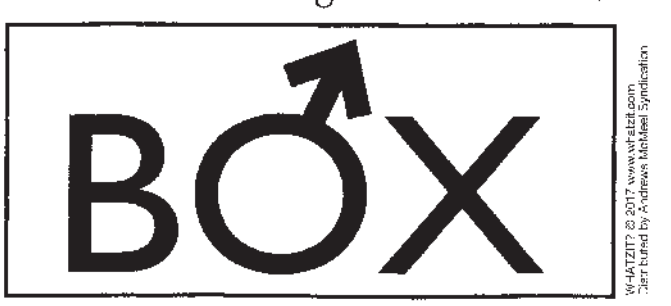

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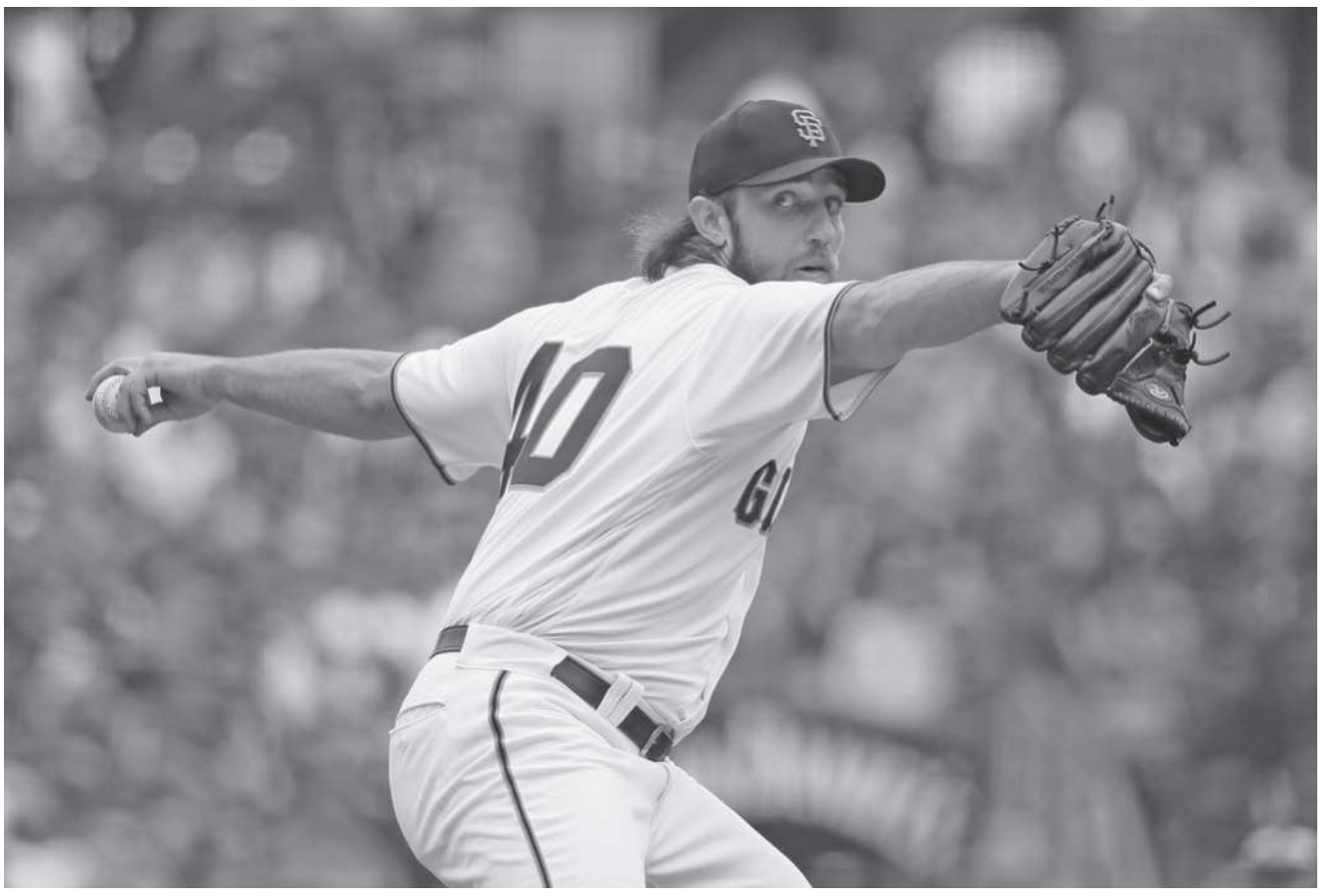
Bumgarner gets 2nd win since return as Giants top Cubs, 3-1

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (AP)— Madison Bumgarner allowed four hits over seven innings to win for the second time since returning from a dirt bike accident, helping the San Francisco Giants defeat the Chicago Cubs 3-1 Wednesday and complete a winning homestand for only the second time this season.

Bumgarner (2-5) struck out seven, walked one and gave up five hits — including a third-inning home run by Albert Almora Jr. Hunter Strickland pitched a one-hit eighth and Sam Dyson completed the six-hitter with a perfect ninth for his eighth save.

San Francisco won two of three against the NL Central-leading Cubs and has won consecutive home series for the first time since May.

Joe Panik hit an RBI single in the second, Jarrett Parker had a tiebreaking single in the seventh against Brian Duensing (0-1) and Hunter Pence hit an opposite-field homer to right-center in the eighth against Pedro Strop.



AP

San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Madison Bumgarner works in the second inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs, Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, in San Francisco.

Dodgers 3, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Yasiel Puig's two-out single drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning and Los Angeles held on for a win over the Diamondbacks, making the Dodgers the sixth team since 1913 to reach 80 wins in their first 113 games.

Puig's hit was the third off Diamondbacks ace Zack Greinke in the seventh, after Greinke had allowed only one hit through six innings. Cody Bellinger homered, doubled and scored twice for the Dodgers.

Greinke (13-5) lost for the first time in 13 starts at home this season. He is 10-1 at Chase Field. He allowed three runs on four hits in 6 2-3 innings, but lost the lead by surrendering two runs in the seventh on Bellinger's double, a two-out double for Joc Pederson and Puig's single. Greinke struck out eight and walked four.

Dodgers starter Alex Wood pitched six innings for the win. Wood (14-1) allowed two runs on six hits with four strikeouts and a walk.

Cardinals 8, Royals 5

In St. Louis, Yadier Molina hit a grand slam one pitch after a cat ran onto the field in the sixth inning, helping the Cardinals rally to beat the Royals.

The Cardinals loaded the bases off Royals relievers Brandon Maurer and Peter Moylan. Molina was at the plate, with two outs, when the cat came onto the field and ran toward the center field wall.

On the next pitch, Molina drilled his 14th homer of the season into the left field seats for his fifth career slam.

Melky Cabrera hit his 15th home run, a two-run shot, that had given the Royals a 5-4 lead in the fifth.

Mariners 6, Athletics 3

In Oakland, California, Nelson Cruz homered twice, Kyle Seager also went deep off Jharel Cotton (5-9) and Seattle completed a two-game sweep.

Emilion Pagan (1-2) pitched one-hit ball over 2 2/3 innings for his first big league win, and Edwin Diaz retired three batters for his 25th save.

Khris Davis hit his 31st home run and Matt Joyce also homered for the A's, one day after returning to the lineup following a two-game suspension for using an anti-gay slur.

Angels 5, Orioles 1

In Anaheim, California, after 10 seasons in the minors and playing in his first major league game, Cesar Puello singled in the go-ahead run and C.J. Cron added a two-run homer

Troy Scribner (2-0), making his second big league start, allowed one run and two hits in five innings.

Kevin Gausman (8-8) gave up four runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Rangers 5, Mets 1

In New York, Martin Perez (6-10) allowed three hits over eight innings, Joey Gallo hit his 32nd home run and Texas gained a two-game split.

Texas took a 3-0 lead in the first against Rafael Montero (1-8) when the pitcher balked with Shin-Soo Choo taking a sizable and distracting lead off of third, and Gallo hit a two-run drive into the upper deck in right, his 11th home run since the All-Star break

Rockies 3, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Charlie Blackmon homered against Zach McAllister (1-2) n the 12th inning, atoning for getting doubled up at first base on a foul ball inh the eighth..

Colorado tied the score in the ninth when Carlos Gonzalez singled with one out and came home on Jonathan Lucroy's double off Cody Allen, who blew a save for the third time in 22 chances.

Carlos Estevez (5-0) pitched two hitless innings and Tyler Chatwood threw a perfect 12th for his second big league save.

Nationals 10, Marlins 1

In Washington, Ryan Zimmerman had four run-scoring hits, including two solo home runs, drove in five runs and became the franchise's all-time RBI leader as the Nationals defeated the Marlins.

Gio Gonzalez (10-5) allowed one run over seven innings after nearly tossing a no-hitter against the Marlins in his previous start. In between, he missed a turn to be with his wife for the birth of their second child.

Bryce Harper had two hits and two RBIs for Washington while Howie Kendrick added three hits, including two doubles, and drove in three runs.

Major League home run leader Giancarlo Stanton went hitless for Miami after homering twice this series.

Reds 8, Padres 3

In Cincinnati, Joey Votto extended his longest hitting streak of the season to 14 games, Stuart Turner hit his first major league homer, and the Reds beat the Padres.

Votto had a double and a single off left-hander Travis Wood (2-4), who made his third start since San Diego acquired him in a trade with Kansas City. Turner and Eugenio Suarez each had a two-run homer, and Jose Peraza singled with the bases loaded off Wood, who lasted five innings.

Votto's career high is a 17-game hitting streak last season. He's batting .477 with four homers during the current one.

Asher Wojciechowski (3-1) won his second straight start despite allowing a solo homer by Manuel Margot and a two-run shot by Wil Myers. He gave up seven hits and struck out six in 5 2/3 innings.

Tigers 10, Pirates 0

In Detroit, Justin Verlander allowed one hit over eight innings and the Tigers beat the Pirates.

Josh Bell ended Verlander's attempt at a third career no-hitter in the sixth inning with a grounder off the glove of a diving Nicholas Castellanos at third base.

Ian Kinsler homered, scored four times and drove in four runs and Castellanos had five RBIs. The Tigers lost the first two games of the home-and-home series in Pittsburgh. The series concludes Thursday afternoon.

Verlander (8-7) won for the third straight start, allowing three walks while striking out six. He has allowed two runs in 21 innings in wins over the Astros, Orioles and Pirates.

He received a standing ovation at the end of the sixth, and a longer one after retiring the side in the eighth. Still the subject of constant trade rumors, he tipped his cap to the fans after the eighth.

Ivan Nova (10-9) allowed six runs, 10 hits and two walks in 6 1/3 innings.

Phillies 3, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Odubel Herrera continued to feast on Atlanta pitching by driving in a run with two triples in the Phillies' 3-2 victory that completed their third series sweep of the Braves this season.

Jerad Eickhoff (3-7) allowed two runs on nine hits in 6 2/3 innings.

The Phillies (42-69) swept the two-game series to improve to 11-2 against the Braves this season. They swept a four-game series against Atlanta on July 28-31 and a three-game series on April 21-23 — each in Philadelphia.

Herrera lined a triple to right field in the first inning off left-hander Sean Newcomb (1-7).

Twins 4, Brewers 0

In Milwaukee, Bartolo Colón pitched seven innings for his second consecutive win since joining the Twins, Brian Dozier added a home run, double and single and Minnesota beat the Brewers.

Colón (2-1) scattered five hits, struck out five and walked one in his sixth career start at Miller Park. Milwaukee failed to advance a batter past second.

The oldest active player in the majors, Colón made his 518th career start and fifth for the Twins. He was 2-8 with an 8.14 ERA in 13 starts for Atlanta before being released July 4. Three days later, the 44-year-old right-hander signed with Minnesota. He pitched the 37th complete game of his career in his last start and beat Texas 8-4.

Taylor Rogers retired the side in order in the eighth. Matt Belisle struck out the side in the ninth to seal Colón's 237th career victory.

Yankees 11, Blue Jays 5

In Toronto, Todd Frazier homered and had three RBIs, Gary Sanchez and Didi Gregorius also went deep and the Yankees overcame a shaky start by Masahiro Tanaka to beat the Blue Jays.

Rookie Garrett Cooper had four hits for the Yankees, who had not scored in double figures since a 13-4 win at Houston on June 30. New York's 17 hits were one shy of its season high, set June 10 against Baltimore.

Gregorius hit his 18th homer in a third, a two-out drive off Nick Tepesch (0-2).

Chad Green (2-0) earned the win.

Red Sox 8, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Eduardo Nunez chased Jake Odorizzi when he lined a single off the pitcher's foot, starting a five-run fifth inning for the Red Sox in a victory over the Tampa Bay Rays that extended Boston's winning streak to a season-high eight.

Struck on the right foot, Odorizzi was face down on the mound, his face extending onto the infield grass, for several seconds. He hobbled off with one arm wrapped around Rays manager Kevin Cash, the other around assistant athletic trainer Paul Harker. Tampa Bay said Odorizzi sustained a bruise and X-rays were negative.

Rick Porcello (6-14) won consecutive starts for the first time this year, allowing two runs and four hits in six innings.

White Sox 7, Astros 1

In Chicago, Tim Anderson homered and drove in three runs, Miguel Gonzalez tossed eight strong innings and the White Sox beat the Astros, their second straight win over the team with the best record in the AL.

Leury Garcia and Yolmer Sanchez each had two-run singles as Chicago won consecutive games for just the second time since last month's All-Star break.

Gonzalez (6-10) allowed one run on five hits to record the 50th win of his career. He bounced back after getting shelled for seven runs on seven hits in 1 2/3 innings against Boston last Thursday.

Seahawks rave about potential of CB Shaquill Griffin

RENTON, Wash. (AP)—Even though he's now a professional, Shaquill Griffin is still receiving an intense education.

And in this scenario, Richard Sherman is one of the primary instructors.

"He's mentally sharp. That's really, really unique for a rookie to be that mentally sharp and mentally on it," Sherman said. "He's incredibly coachable. He does a great job of just being coachable and when they correct a mistake then he makes sure he makes the corrections."

There are very few questions surrounding the starters for the Seattle Seahawks when the season begins Sept. 10 at Green Bay. The cornerback opposite Sherman, though, is one of those and perhaps the most important to answer in the weeks leading up to the regular season.

AP

Seattle Seahawks' Demetrius McCray (39) is brought down by Shaquill Griffin during a drill at NFL football training camp Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, in Renton, Wash.

It became an issue when starter DeShawn Shead suffered a torn ACL in his left knee during Seattle's playoff loss to Atlanta. Shead needed a small follow-up procedure that delayed his return even further.

Enter the rookie Griffin, Seattle's third-round selection out of Central Florida, who is competing with veteran Jeremy Lane for the starting role opposite Sherman.

"I'm getting a lot of help from Richard and you know, every now and then I get the chance to move a little faster," Griffin said. "Now I'm starting to get the hang of it. The game is starting to slow down for me."

Griffin was a priority pick for the Seahawks. There were other options Seattle could have taken earlier in the draft, but the Seahawks liked Griffin's mix of size at 6-feet and speed.

For all the certainty in Seattle's standout secondary, the spot opposite Sherman has proven troubling since Byron Maxwell left as a free agent following the 2014 season. Cary Williams was brought in for the 2015 season, only to be benched and eventually cut later. Shead, a converted safety, was more than adequate last season while regularly getting picked on as teams avoided Sherman, but his knee injury altered Seattle's plans.

Lane is experienced and coach Pete Carroll has noted an improved maturity going into his sixth season. But Lane has proven most effective working as a slot cornerback in nickel packages, meaning Seattle needs a solution on the outside—at least in obvious passing situations.

And while Neiko Thorpe and DeAndre Elliott have shown potential, Griffin seems to be generating the most excitement.

"There is just nothing but positives and we have never had a guy that runs this fast that is this big, so right now it is all about technique and he has no problem with it," Carroll said. "But he will get a lot better. He will understand situations and the application of technique much more so. It's just going to take time."

The biggest technique for Griffin to learn is Seattle's step-kick style of press coverage at the line of scrimmage. The goal there is to avoid having to play chase with a wide receiver by being patient at the line of scrimmage and making sure to move the feet first before using hands. It's not easy, as evidenced by the number of cornerbacks that have struggled in Seattle's system.

"I was so used to being so aggressive and as soon as the receiver moved I put my hands on first and my hips lock," Griffin said. "Sometimes, when I was back in college, that's how receivers got behind me. Now that I'm starting to learn, it's easy for me to stay over to the top and guarding receivers is a lot easier."

Because Seattle knows what is has with Lane, it's expected Griffin will get significant playing time early in the preseason, beginning with Sunday's opener against the Los Angeles Chargers.

"You can't be average here," Griffin said. "You got to be ready to work and that's the only thing that's different right now, but nothing that I can't handle."

Falcons agree to 5-year extension with RB Devonta Freeman

ATLANTA (AP)—The Atlanta Falcons have agreed to terms on a five-year contract extension with running back Devonta Freeman, addressing one of the biggest issues for the defending NFC champions.

The deal was announced Wednesday, on the eve of the team's first preseason game at Miami.

Terms were not immediately available, but the extension was sure to make Freeman one of the NFL's highest-paid running backs.

During his three seasons with the Falcons, the Miami native has racked up 2,383 rushing yards, including back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons in 2015 and 2016. His 3,175 total yards over the past two seasons ranks second in the NFL, behind teammate Julio Jones.

He was set to make just under $1.8 million is in the final year of a rookie contract he signed as a fourth-round draft pick out of Florida State.

Freeman's agent first raised the prospect of a lucrative extension the week of the Super Bowl, in which the Falcons squandered a 28-3 lead and lost in overtime to the New England Patriots.

While negotiations carried into the start of training camp, the running back said he had no intention of holding out because he didn't want to be a distraction.

The Falcons made it clear all along that Freeman was a big part of their plans after helping the Falcons reach the title game for only the second time in franchise history. Over the past year, the team also locked up cornerbacks Desmond Trufant and Robert Alford and offensive tackle Ryan Schraeder to long-term extensions.

"We are very pleased that we were able to get this extension done," general manager Thomas Dimitroff said in a statement. "Devonta embodies everything we are looking for in a Falcon, and we are proud that he'll be able to spend his career here in Atlanta."

Teaming in the backfield last season with Tevin Coleman, Freeman ranked seventh in the NFL with 1,541 total yards and his 13 TDs were fifth most touchdowns among running backs. He earned his second straight Pro Bowl selection.

"This is where I've always wanted to be," Freeman said. "I feel extremely blessed, but the work and grind are just beginning."

Freeman and Coleman are one of the league's top 1-2 threats at running back. Both players have breakaway speed, excel in the team's wide zone-blocking scheme and fill vital roles in the short passing game. Atlanta led the NFL in scoring last year at nearly 34 points a game behind Freeman, receiver Julio Jones and quarterback Matt Ryan, the league MVP.

Coach Dan Quinn called Freeman into his office before the start of training camp to make sure he knew how badly the team wanted to get a deal done. The coach said Freeman never let it become an issue on the field.

Chargers' Gates back from Hall of Fame with season in sight

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP)—Antonio Gates had never been to a Pro Football Hall of Fame ceremony before last weekend, when he traveled to watch longtime teammate LaDainian Tomlinson's stirring induction.

The Los Angeles Chargers' veteran tight end came away from Canton excited for his friend, inspired by Tomlinson's speech and newly motivated for the final chapters in his own career, which seems likely to end up in the same place.

Gates returned to practice with the Chargers on Tuesday in Costa Mesa after taking off to Ohio for the weekend.

"To me, it's a lifetime achievement award," Gates said. "It's an honor to be around the other Hall of Famers. I embraced it all with the energy and the idea that one day I could have the chance, the opportunity to wear that jacket. But needless to say, I don't look too far ahead. I've still got things that I'm focused on this season. I've still got goals with the Chargers."

The 37-year-old pass-catcher is easing into his 15th NFL season with a light workload in the opening weeks of camp, but he vows to be ready for the start of his only NFL franchise's relocation campaign next month.

And while he still has goals, the Chargers' career leader in catches, receiving touchdowns and yards receiving has precious little left to achieve individually. The eight-time Pro Bowl selection already is among the most accomplished tight ends in NFL history, and he begins the season one touchdown catch away from breaking his tie with Tony Gonzalez for the NFL record in TD receptions for tight ends.

Quarterback Philip Rivers stayed home from Tomlinson's induction ceremony, but Gates was given permission from coach Anthony Lynn to attend. Gates thoroughly enjoyed the weekend, and he was amazed by Tomlinson's widely praised induction speech in which the running back called for his country to remain unified in the face of bitter division.

"I thought it spoke volumes, not only (about) just sports, but to people in general," Gates said. "I understood where he was coming from, needless to say. Being here in California for 15 years, we've got a chance to experience a lot of things and a lot of different cultures. It was well-said from a person that truly, sincerely believes that in his heart. I'm proud and I'm happy.

"Sports give us a path to be successful in this country, and I think that should apply to everybody outside sports as well. To me, that was the greatest message that he said: That this is the land of the free, this is the land of opportunity, and hopefully people that's outside this country will get the chance to have this opportunity."

Gates, Tomlinson and Rivers were teammates for six years, and they formed one of the most dynamic offensive trios in recent NFL history when they played together in San Diego from 2006-09—the stretch between Rivers getting the starting job and Tomlinson finally departing for the New York Jets.

The Chargers won four straight AFC West titles and reached the conference championship game during that four-year period. They haven't made a Super Bowl, but Rivers and Gates still hold out hope they've got a chance in Los Angeles to do what they couldn't in San Diego.

Gates hasn't decided how much longer he will play, but the former undrafted free agent and college basketball player acknowledges that one of his goals from his first NFL season was "trying to have a long, competitive, consistent career."

If Canton comes calling in a few years, Gates will look forward to his own weekend reward.

"I think every athlete in every sport or whatever your endeavor is in life, we try to have that lifetime achievement award," Gates said. "In football, it's the Hall of Fame. Every player that's here visualizes it, but it comes with health. It comes with longevity. It comes with consistency. There's a lot of factors that figure in. It's just a special moment."

NMA asks schools to prepare for X-Country

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Northern Marianas Athletics is inviting all public and private school to join the final events on their 2017 calendar starting with the All Schools Cross Country Series next month.

To this end, NMA development officer Elias Rangamar reminded all schools to begin their preparations for the annual four-leg race that is set to begin in September.

NMA has yet to release the opening date, but the first leg will be at CPA Airport Field followed by succeeding legs that stretch to October. The other legs will be held consecutively at the Civic Center Beach and American Memorial Park.

The Cross Country finals will be in November at AMP. The final dates are yet to be determined, but the races will be held on a Saturday.

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Whispering Palms' Dylan Mister is on his way to a first place finish in the elementary division races in the third leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held at the CPA Airport Field.

Rangamar is encouraging each school to at least have representatives in each age group—Under 7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U18. The many-time CNMI national athletics coach is reminding schools to begin preparing their students.

More than 160 runners from different elementary, middle, and high schools joined the series of races last year. Agape Christian School led with 86 participants in the middle and high school divisions.

Runners in the elementary division—U7, U9, and U11—take on a one-mile course, while U13 and U15 participants complete two laps. High school runners (U18) negotiate three laps.

Saipan International School, Saipan Community School, San Vicente Elementary School, and Mt. Carmel School also joined the first leg of the race last year.

Trophies and medals will be given to individual winners and top schools in each age division in the finals.

"We're encouraging all schools, public or private, to join. Hopefully, we could have more runners in each age group," said Rangamar, who added the annual Cross Country race is part of NMA's grassroots development program. "We are hoping more runners would join this year."

The 11th Asia Pacific Invitational Cross Country Championships on Oct. 20 and 21 in Guam, the 30th Annual Mt. Tapochau Turkey Trot on Nov. 24, athletics competitions in the Pacific Mini Games in Vanuatu, and the 36th Christmas Island Relay on Dec. 23 are also on NMA's calendar of events.

Rota triathlon registration ongoing

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Registration for the 23rd edition of the Rota Blue Triathlon is ongoing with fees for solo and team participants in the two courses reduced for this year.

Solo competitors for the A-type course will only pay $60, while $50 each for a member in the team category, either by trio or duo only. The fee for the type-B solo event is $80. Entry fees must be paid in cash at the registration desk on Nov. 17.

The A-type solo and team divisions have no time limit while the type-B has an eight-hour time limit. Event T-shirts, swim caps, and awards banquet are included in the entry fee.

Distances for the A-type (solo and team) is composed of a 1.5-kilometer swim, 40-km bike, and 10km run while the B-type is made up of a 2-km swim, 90km bike, and 21km run.

Organizers have allowed the use of wetsuits in the swim leg while bike helmets is a requirement to all participants in the bike portion of the race.

The Top 3 in the men's and women's divisions, and age group winners will be receiving prizes. The awards banquet will be held at 6:30pm on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Round House.

A pre-race briefing is set on Friday, Nov. 17, at 6:30pm at the Rota Resort and Country Club.

The annual event, which was not held last year, is a favorite race by Japanese triathetes every year. Kiyokazu Triathlon Club Japan president Kiyokazu Onishi, is the co-creator of the event.

KFC, the Marianas Visitors Authority, and the Rota Mayor's Office jointly organize the race, which highlights the CNMI's southernmost island's pristine beauty.

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ual technical skills," assistant coach Jershwin Angeles said in a message sent to Northern Mariana Islands Football Association, which sent the Teen Ayuyus to South Korea for a five-day training camp and a series of matches against the hosts and Japanese youth squads.

The game against Kyoto Kyoei Gakuen was the CNMI's penultimate and the latter was scheduled to play its last against South Korea's Gwangju FC yesterday morning.

"Hopefully, all the players will give their all and show their best performance in our last game," said Angeles, adding that 19 out of the 20 players of the squad saw action against Kyoto Kyoei Gakuen. Eun Syu Hahn missed last Wednesday's game as he was not feeling well, while Ermitanio and De Leon rested early (due to slight fever) heading into the Teen Ayuyus' final match.

Meanwhile, the squad's morning training session last Wednesday was called off due to rain so coach Mita decided to have a lecture and meeting instead.

"Each player shared their dream to the team and coaches and most of them wanted to become a professional soccer player. We then motivate them to achieve their dream, shared stories of some well known people and athletes that succeeded in life and followed their dreams," Angeles said.

After the personal discussion, the Teen Ayuyus had their usual "study time," as they watched the Champion's League game between Barcelona and Juventus.

"Players analyzed both teams on how they attack, defend, make formation, execute tactics, and transition. They then presented their thoughts to the team," said Angeles, who left Korea with the squad yesterday evening and they are scheduled to arrive on Saipan this morning.

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Marshall, who ousted Di Tommaso and Holly Stewart in similar scores.

In the boys singles plate, the CNMI's Robbie Schorr faltered in his semis bid after losing to Australia's Corey Clarke, 0-4, 1-4

Schorr is also entered in the mixed doubles and he and Australia's Milan Kish will meet the Aussie pair of Jayden Court and Joy Andreou for a spot to the quarterfinal round. Lee will play in the mixed doubles, too, partnering with New Zealand's Finley Hall. The CNMI and New Zealand players duo drew a bye in the opening round to automatically move into the quarters where they will face the winner in the match between the tandems of Di Tommaso and Vanuatu's Marlin Hannam and Australia's Cihan Akay and Luciana Kunkel.

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ing constructed in Port Villa, as local organizers through the recommendation of the Pacific Games Council and Fédération Internationale de Basketball just recently included 3x3 on the calendar of events for the Mini Games.

"3x3 basketball is a late inclusion in the Pacific Mini Games so the purpose of my visit was to meet the local organizing committee and see how we can all work together to make the event a successful one. There's a lot of excitement in the air about the new stadium and the legacy that will be left behind once the event is over," Lafleur was quoted as saying at the 2017 Pacific Mini Games website.'

At least 10 countries have already committed to field teams in the 3x3 competition, including the CNMI, which will only send a men's squad to Vanuatu.

Mariana Islands Basketball Federation will be hosting qualifying tournaments to select the team that will represent the Commonwealth in the Mini Games. MIBF earlier announced that it will have two qualifiers this month, but the dates may change as the association is still talking to FIBA Oceania for guidelines. MIBF wants to offer teams on Tinian and Rota the same opportunities that will be given to Saipan squads, so the group may work on a different schedule to get everybody involved.

MIBF and other local federations (golf, athletics, and rugby 7s) have only until October to turn in the names of athletes they are bringing to Vanuatu for the quadrennial event that will take place from Dec. 4 to 15. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

Lawyer: No appearance at Florida DUI hearing for Tiger Woods

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—Tiger Woods will not attend his arraignment Wednesday on a driving under the influence charge, his attorney said, meaning under court rules the superstar golfer will be pleading not guilty.

Attorney Douglas Duncan said in an email Tuesday to The Associated Press that Woods will not be attending the hearing in Florida, but he didn't elaborate. Any plea other than not guilty requires the defendant's attendance.

The Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office declined comment.

Woods could have agreed Wednesday to enter a program for first-time DUI defendants. He would have to plead guilty to reckless driving and receive a year's probation.

He would also have to pay a $250 fine and court costs, attend DUI school, perform 50 hours of community service and attend a workshop where victims of impaired drivers detail how their lives were damaged. He also would have also been subject to random drug and alcohol testing and other conditions.

David S. Weinstein, a Miami defense attorney and former federal and state prosecutor not involved in the case, said prosecutors will likely keep the offer to let Woods enter the deferment program open, at least for a while.

Still, the decision for now keeps Woods' troubles in the headlines.

Woods was arrested at 2 a.m. May 29 about 15 miles from his home in Jupiter, Florida, when officers found him unconscious in his Mercedes-Benz, which was parked awkwardly on the side of the road and had damage to the driver's side. It's not clear how he damaged the car. Officers checked the area but didn't find that he had hit anything.

Woods didn't know where he was when asked by officers and he stumbled and swayed through a field sobriety test, police dashboard camera video showed. Woods told officers he was taking the painkiller Vicodin and Xanax, which treats anxiety and insomnia, to cope with his fourth back surgery in April. Tests showed he had no alcohol in his system.

Woods announced last month he had completed treatment at an out-of-state clinic to deal with his use of prescription medications.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	65	49	.570	—
New York	60	52	.536	4
Tampa Bay	58	57	.504	7½
Baltimore	56	58	.491	9
Toronto	53	60	.469	11½

Central Division

Cleveland	60	51	.541	—
Kansas City	57	56	.504	4
Minnesota	56	56	.500	4½
Detroit	52	61	.460	9
Chicago	43	68	.387	17

West Division

Houston	71	42	.628	—
Seattle	59	56	.513	13
Los Angeles	57	58	.496	15
Texas	54	59	.478	17
Oakland	50	64	.439	21½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	66	45	.595	—
Miami	53	58	.477	13
Atlanta	51	60	.459	15
New York	50	60	.455	15½
Philadelphia	41	69	.373	24½

Central Division

Chicago	59	53	.527	—
Milwaukee	59	56	.513	1½
St. Louis	57	56	.504	2½
Pittsburgh	56	57	.496	3½
Cincinnati	46	67	.407	13½

West Division

Los Angeles	79	33	.705	—
Arizona	64	48	.571	15
Colorado	64	49	.566	15½
San Diego	50	62	.446	29
San Francisco	45	70	.391	35½

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CNMI Boys U18 National Team Training Camp

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The CNMI Boys U18 National Team's starting 11 pose for a photo before their game against New Yangdong FC last Tuesday at the Changnyeong Sports Park in South Korea.

The referee tosses the coin to determine which between the CNMI and New Yangdong FC will have the possession.

The Teen Ayuyus huddle before the start of their match versus Japan's Kunimi High School.

CNMI players hold a discussion after watching the video of their game against Japan's Kunimi High School.

Assistant coach Jonathan Takano holds a lecture on nutrition during the third day of the Teen Ayuyus' training camp in South Korea.

The Teen Ayuyus exchange high-fives with Japan's Kunimi High School players.

The Teen Ayuyus' first 11 gather for a photo before playing against Japan's Kunimi High School.

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The CNMI Boys U18 National Team, New Yangdong FC, and game officials pose for a photo before the start of the match.

Bumgarner gets 2nd win since return as Giants top Cubs, 3-1

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Teen Ayuyus gain 3 more goals

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CNMI Boys U18 National Team and Japan's Kyoto Kyoei Gakuen gather for a group photo before their game last Wednesday at the Changnyeong Sports Park in South Korea.

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HOST/SUPERVISON : CHANGNYEONG FA, HM JAPAN Inc., HIM SPORTS Inc.

The CNMI Boys U18 National Team got its offense going in the second half of its 3-6 loss to Japan's Kyoto Kyoei Gakuen last Wednesday at the Changnyeong Sports Park in South Korea.

After being silent in the entire first half, the Teen Ayuyus drilled all three goals in the second with Sunjoon Tenorio, James Ermitanio, and Joshua De Leon scoring one apiece in their third training match.

Tenorio, who handed the CNMI its lone goal in their 1-4 defeat at the hands of Kunimi High School last Monday, ended the Commonwealth's drought against Kyoto Kyoei Gakuen when he converted a penalty kick two minutes into the second half. The second goal came from Ermitanio in the 31st minute off a rebound after Ryan Relucio took a free kick. A minute later, it was De Leon's turn to hit the board as he intercepted a pass back to Kyoto Kyoei Gakuen's goalie, stole possession, and converted their foe's error into a goal.

The Teen Ayuyus had one more goal than Kyoto Kyoei Gakuen in the second half, making up for the four their yielded to the Japanese team in the opening half. Kyoto Kyoei Gakuen tallied two of its goals in the first half off a direct free kick and penalty and the last two early in the second half.

"Coach Mita (Michiteru) said that despite the loss, the last 15 minutes of the game was excellent. Kyoto Kyoei Gakuen players are smaller compared to the two other teams (Kunimi High School and New Yangdong FC), we faced, but they are very quick and have good individ-

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Heras moves to finals of consolation draw

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Isabel Heras made up for her early exit in the main draw of the 2017 Oceania Closed Junior Championships as she advanced to the finals of the consolation plate of the singles competition.

The CNMI junior player, who bowed to Australia's Zara Brankovic right in the opening round of the 32-player draw, 0-1, 1-6, last Monday, defeated Eleanor Schuster of Samoa in two sets yesterday at the Regional Training Center in Lautoka, Fiji, to march into the title match in their division. Heras eased past Schuster in the first set, 4-0 before laboring for a 5-4 (7) victory in the second set to gain the finals berth at the top half of the consolation plate.

The 16-year-old Heras' foe in today's finals is the Solomon Islands' Georjemah Row, who eliminated Australia's Luciana Kunkel, 5-4 (3), 5-3, and Fiji's Vienna Kumar Fongh, 4-2, 4-1 at the lower half of the bracket.

In other results, No. 1 seed and Papua New Guinea's Violet Apisah entered the singles finals of the main draw after dominating unranked Australian Chiara Di Tommaso, 6-0, 6-0. Apisah's opponent in today's title game is Carol Lee's tormentor, Megan Smith of Australia. The unseeded Smith continued her stunning showing in the B2 tournament after pulling off an upset over No. 2 and compatriot Lisa Mays in the other semis pairing, 6-2, 6-4. Smith earlier survived Lee in a three-set match, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, to move into the Final Four.

Smith and her teammate Roopa Bains also made it to the semis in the doubles, but were later eliminated by Violet and her sister Patricia. The PNG pair swept the Aussie duo, 6-2, 6-3, to arrange a finals duel against No. 3 Valentina Ivanov and Amber

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Isabel Heras, seen here playing in a local tournament early this year, will play in the finals of the consolation plate of the 2017 Oceania Closed Junior Championships today in Fiji.

3x3 venue completion in October

Construction of the venue for the 3x3 basketball competition in the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in Vanuatu is expected to be completed in October.

Last week, technical delegate for basketball and FIBA Oceania development manager Annie Lafleur had a site visit at the stadium that is being built at Korman 2 and was told of the completion date. The stadium was among the last facilities be-

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FIBA Oceania development manager Annie Lafleur, center, is joined by local organizers during a site visit at the stadium being built at Korman 2 for the 3x3 competition in the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in Vanuatu.